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HIM RIGHT
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BLACKHEADS JIM? IT
CERTAINLY HELPED ME

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LUCKY STARR

BUCKY STARR, CAMERAMAN,
PITS HIS LENS AGAINST
FLYING STEEL AND
CERTAIN DEATH! HIS
CAMERA REGISTERS A
SCENE OF TERROR
AND BRINGS REAL
DANGER INTO HIS LIFE!



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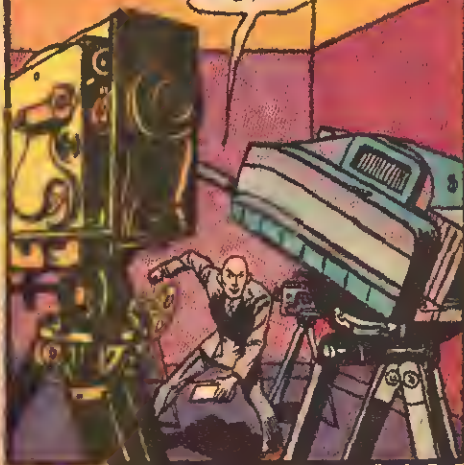
... A LETTER FROM WASHINGTON!

REGISTERED LETTER -- SIGN HERE!

GOOD - LET ME HAVE IT!



LUCKY! LUCKY STARR! THE GOVERNMENT LETTER HAS COME!



BUCKY RACES OUT OF THE DARKROOM TO GRAB IT - - -

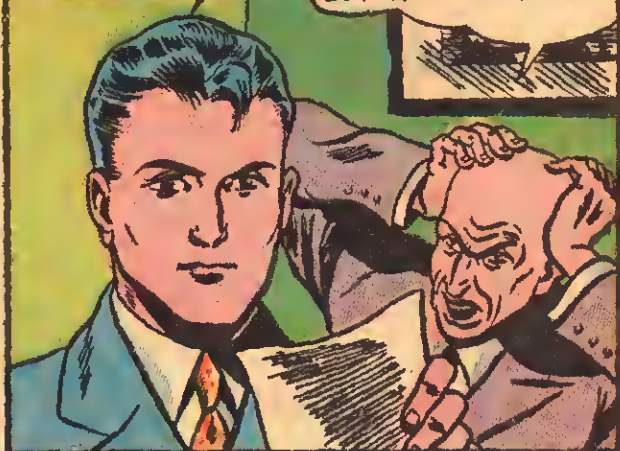
I - I'M AFRAID TO OPEN IT, MATT!

HURRY UP -- THEY CAN'T SAY ANYTHING WORSE THAN "NO"!



THAT'S JUST WHAT THEY SAID -- NO!

WHAT?! THEY CAN'T DO THIS TO US! LET ME SEE THAT!



I WAS SO SURE WE COULD GET THAT CONTRACT FOR THE WAR INFORMATION FILMS -- NOW WHAT WILL WE DO?

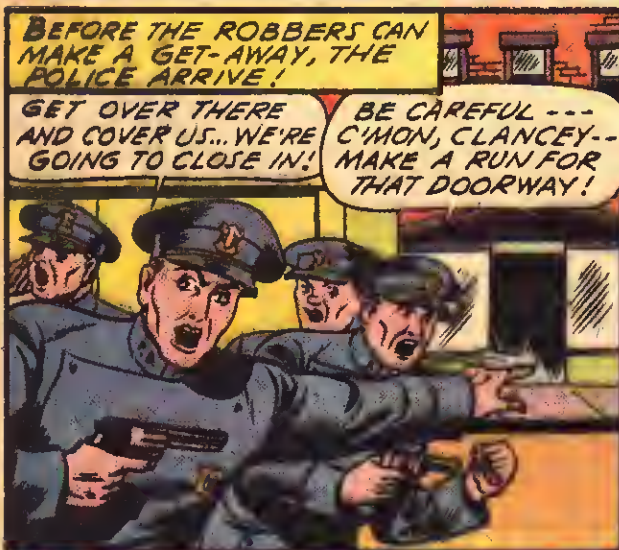
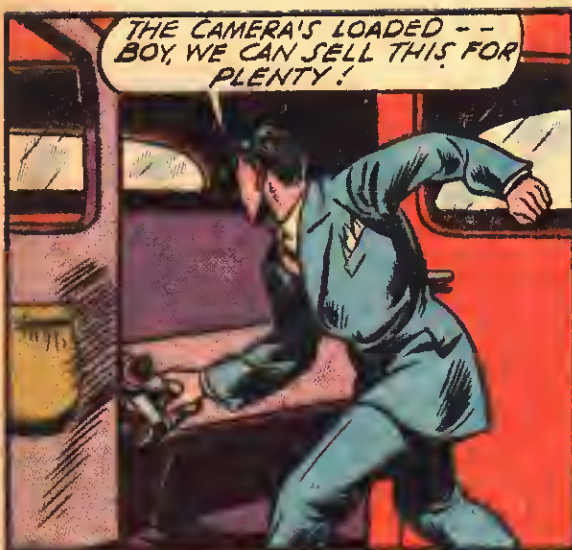
CHEER UP, MATT -- WE'RE NO COMPETITION FOR THE SIGNAL CORPS! IT'S SOME CONSOLATION TO KNOW ANOTHER COMPANY DIDN'T BEAT US OUT!



AW, DON'T TAKE IT SO HARD, MATT -- SOMETHING WILL TURN UP! ANYHOW, I'VE GOT TO GET OVER TO THE SCHOOL AND SHOOT THE FOOTBALL GAME -- SEE YOU LATER!

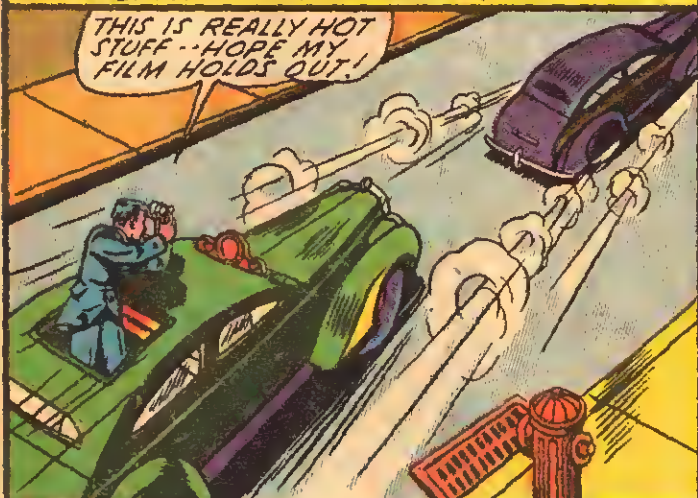
(GLOOMINGLY) I'LL BE LONG.





LUCKY SHOVES OPEN THE SKYLIGHT PANEL AND STARTS SHOOTING AGAIN!

THIS IS REALLY HOT STUFF--HOPE MY FILM HOLDS OUT!



BUT IN THE CAR AHEAD . . .

HEY, BOSS--SOME GUY'S TAGGING US IN A CAB--HE'S TAKIN' PICTURES..

HUH?



PICTURES! STOP HIM!

YEAH, BOSS--I'LL FIX HIM WID DIS TYPEWRITER!



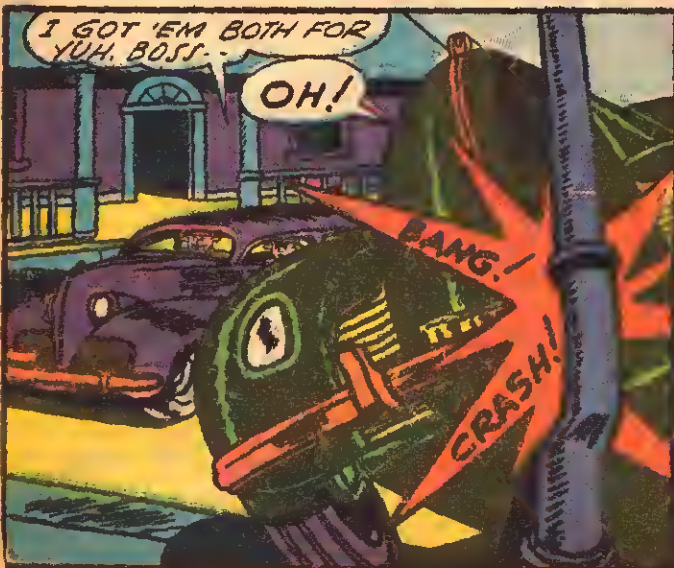
THE GANGSTER SHOTS AT THE PURSUING CAB AND

AGHHHHH!

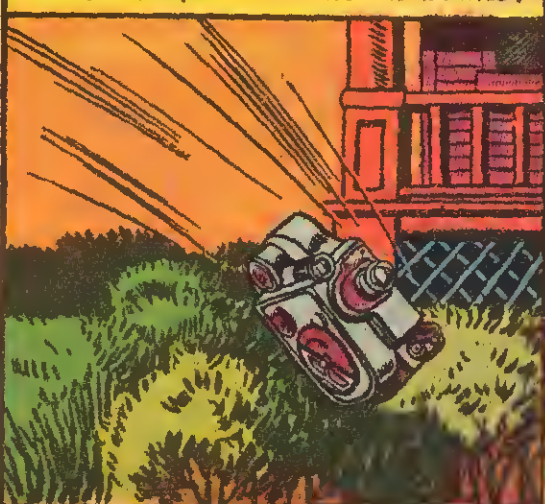


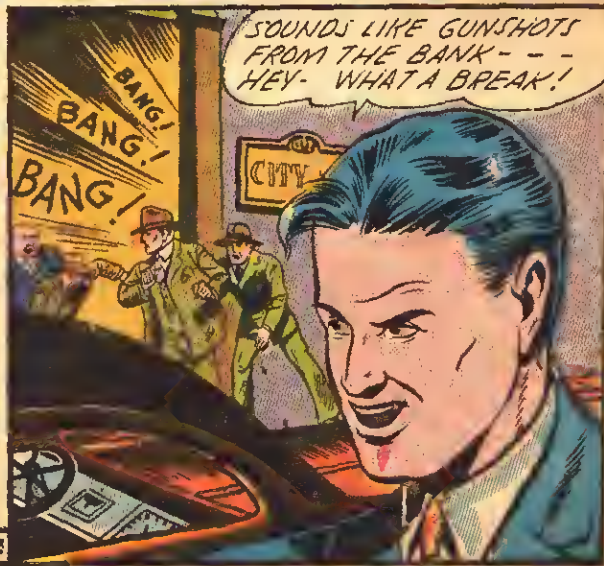
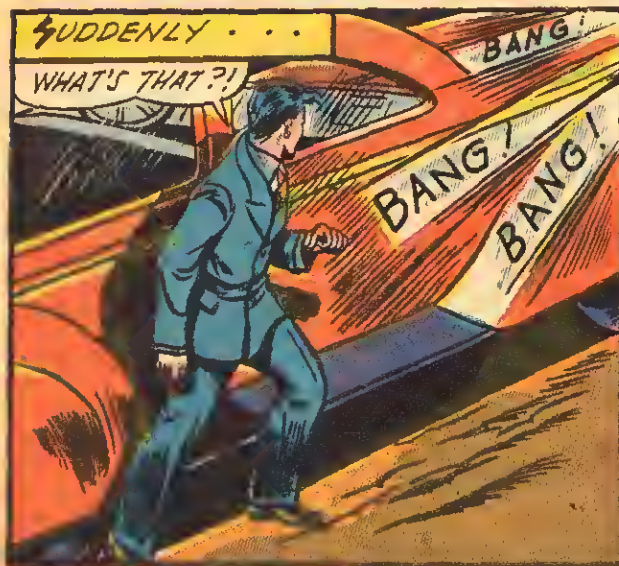
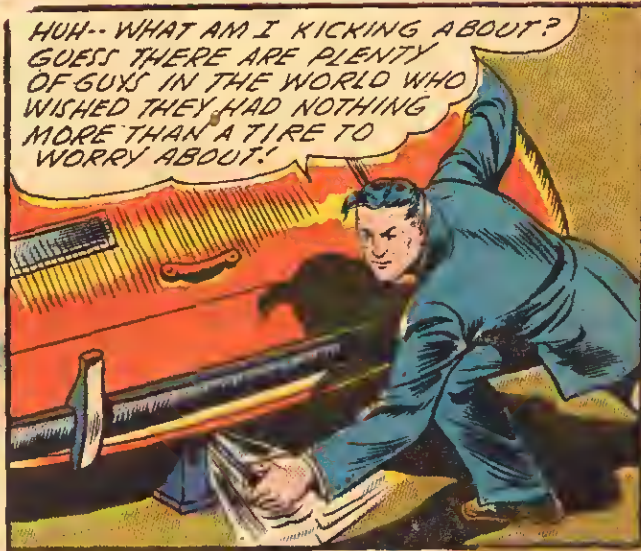
I GOT 'EM BOTH FOR YUH, BOSS--

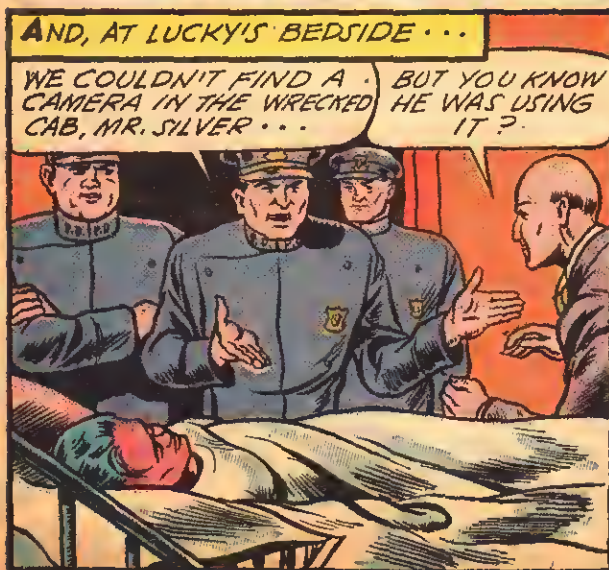
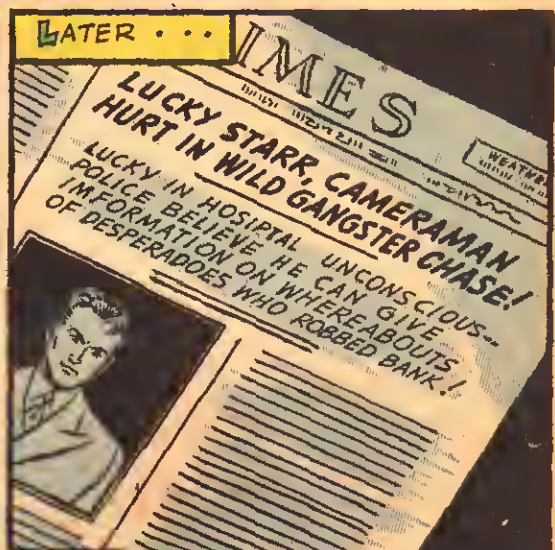
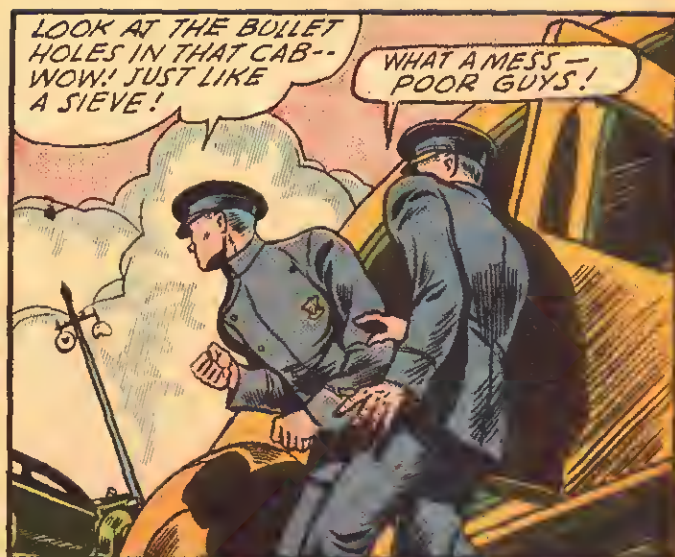
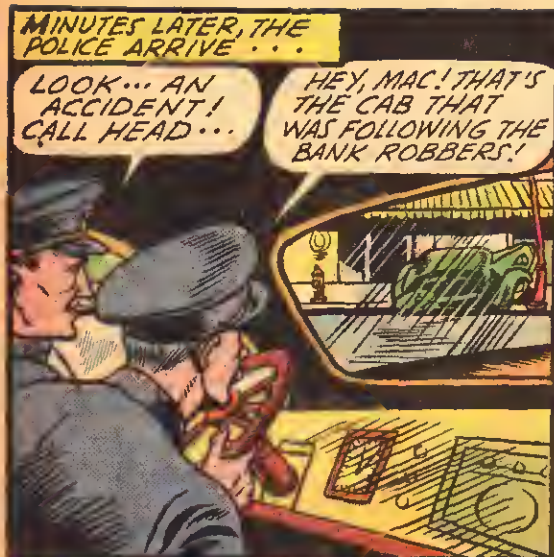
OH!



THE IMPACT OF THE CRASH SENDS LUCKY'S CAMERA FLYING INTO THE BUSHES!







I THINK HE HID IT
WHEN YOU STARTED
SHOOTING! WELL, HE
WON'T TALK-- C'MON!

RIGHT WITH
YOU, BOSS!

THE TWO CROOKS MAKE
THEIR WAY TO THE HOSPITAL!

NOW REMEMBER--LEAVE
EVERYTHING TO ME--
DON'T DO ANYTHING
UNTIL I TELL YOU TO!

OKAY--
OKAY!

NOW'S OUR CHANCE...
YOU GRAB THAT GUY
ON THE RIGHT...I'LL
HANDLE THE OTHER...

RIGHT!

LET 'EM HAVE
IT!

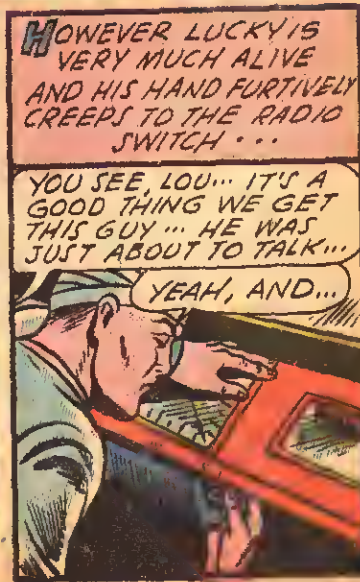
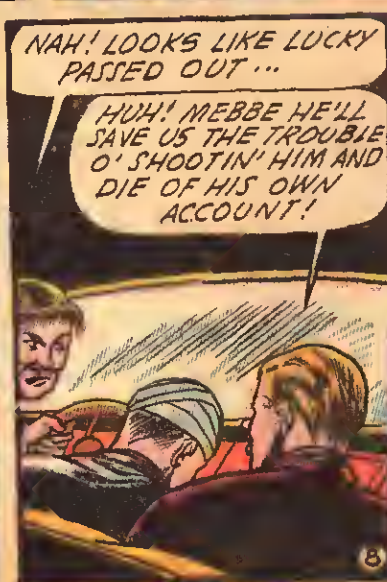
BUT LUCKY IS REGAINING CONSCIOUSNESS...

LUCKY! IT'S
ME-- SILVER!
LOOK-- HE'S
COMING OUT
OF IT!

MMMOOHH--
MY HEAD!

BETTER GET
THE DOC...

I'LL PUSH THE
BUZZER... HEY,
HE'S TALKIN'...
BETTER GET
OVER THERE!



**AT THAT PRECISE MOMENT AT
RADIO POLICE HEADQUARTERS...**

HEY...
WHAT'S THIS...?

...ABOUT
TO TALK!

YEAH AND HE
COULD HAVE
TOLD THE
DICKS PLENTY
ABOUT THE
BANK JOB WE
PULLED!



AS THE POLICE LISTEN IN ...

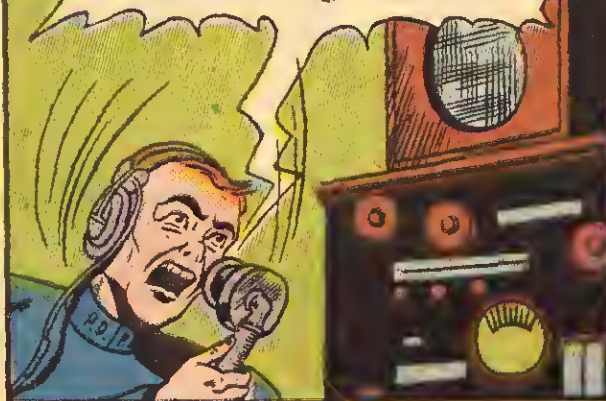
WE'LL GO UP
BROAD STREET.

HAH! THAT'S WHERE
CLIPPED THIS GUY
IN THE CAB --
REMEMBER?



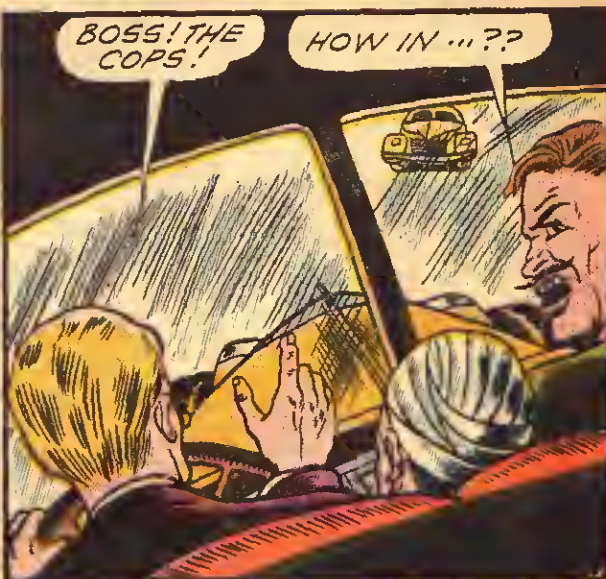
BACK AT HEADQUARTERS . . .

CALLING CARS NINETEEN AND
TWENTY ... INTERCEPT POLICE
CAR NINE CONTAINING BANK
ROBBERS ON BROAD STREET!



BOSS! THE
COPS!

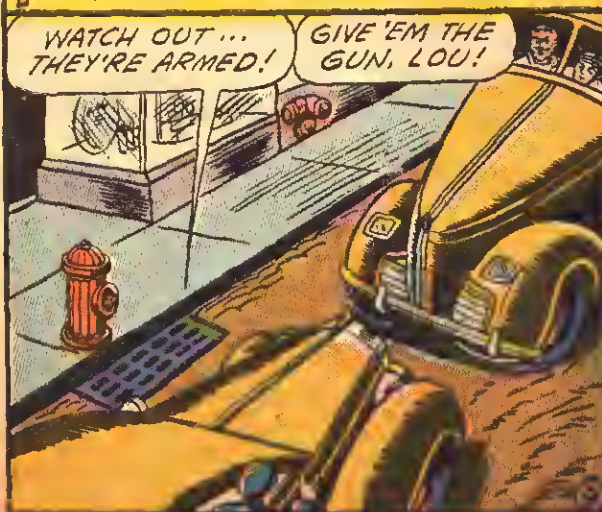
HOW IN ... ??



THE TWO CARS SCREAM TO A HALT...

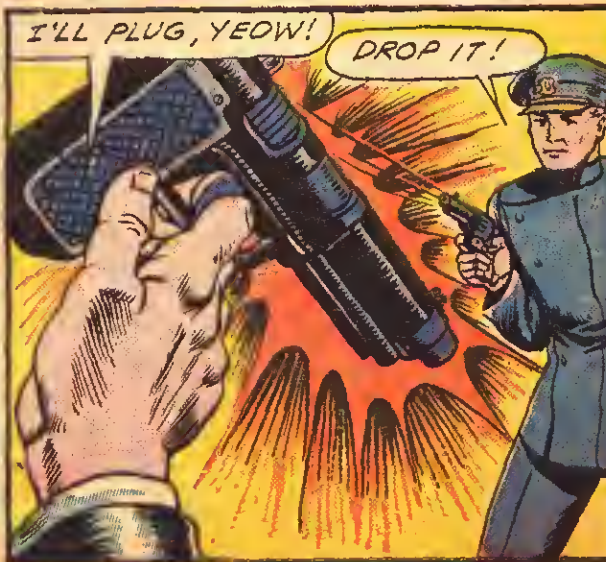
WATCH OUT ...
THEY'RE ARMED!

GIVE 'EM THE
GUN, LOU!



I'LL PLUG, YEOW!

DROP IT!

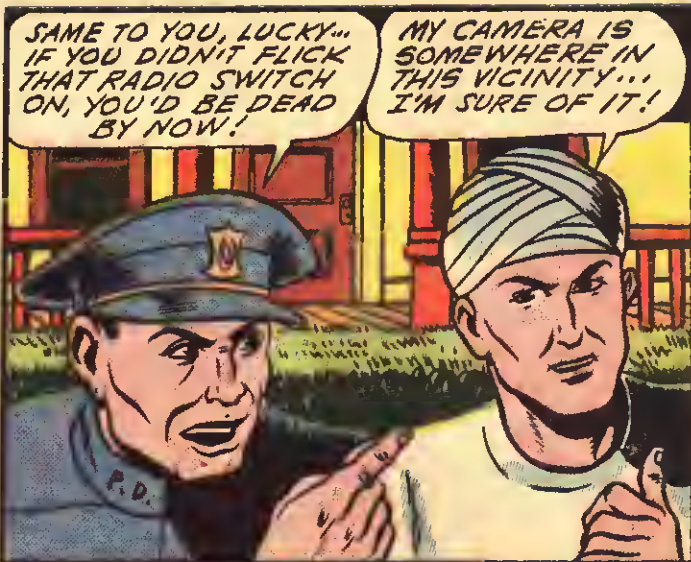




DON'T SHOOT...
WE SURRENDER!

YEAH... CRIPES...
DON'T SHOOT!

NICE GOING,
BOYS!



SAME TO YOU, LUCKY...
IF YOU DIDN'T FLICK
THAT RADIO SWITCH
ON, YOU'D BE DEAD
BY NOW!

MY CAMERA IS
SOMEWHERE IN
THIS VICINITY...
I'M SURE OF IT!



LET'S SEE... THE CAB
CRASHED ABOUT TWENTY
FEET FROM HERE ...
AH! THERE IT IS!



HERE IT IS,
BOYS --

HE'S
PASSING
OUT!

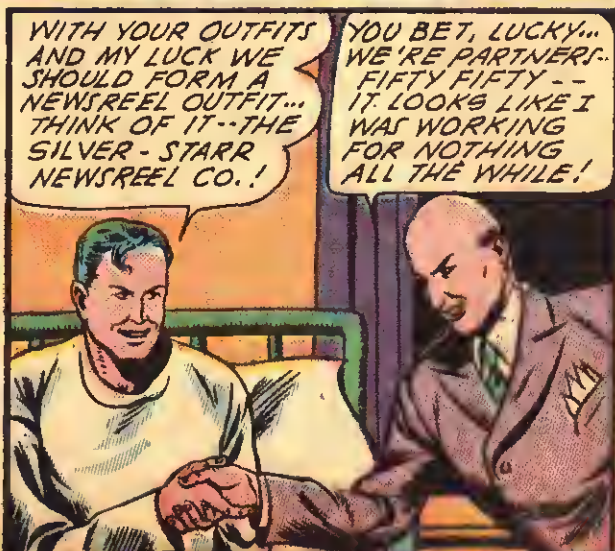
AFTER WHAT HE'S
BEEN THROUGH--
NO WONDER!



© ONE WEEK LATER ...

LUCKY BOY! THE REST
OF THE GANG SURRENDERED
WITH THE MONEY YOUR
PICTURES WILL CONVICT
MULLER AND HIS GANG
SURE!

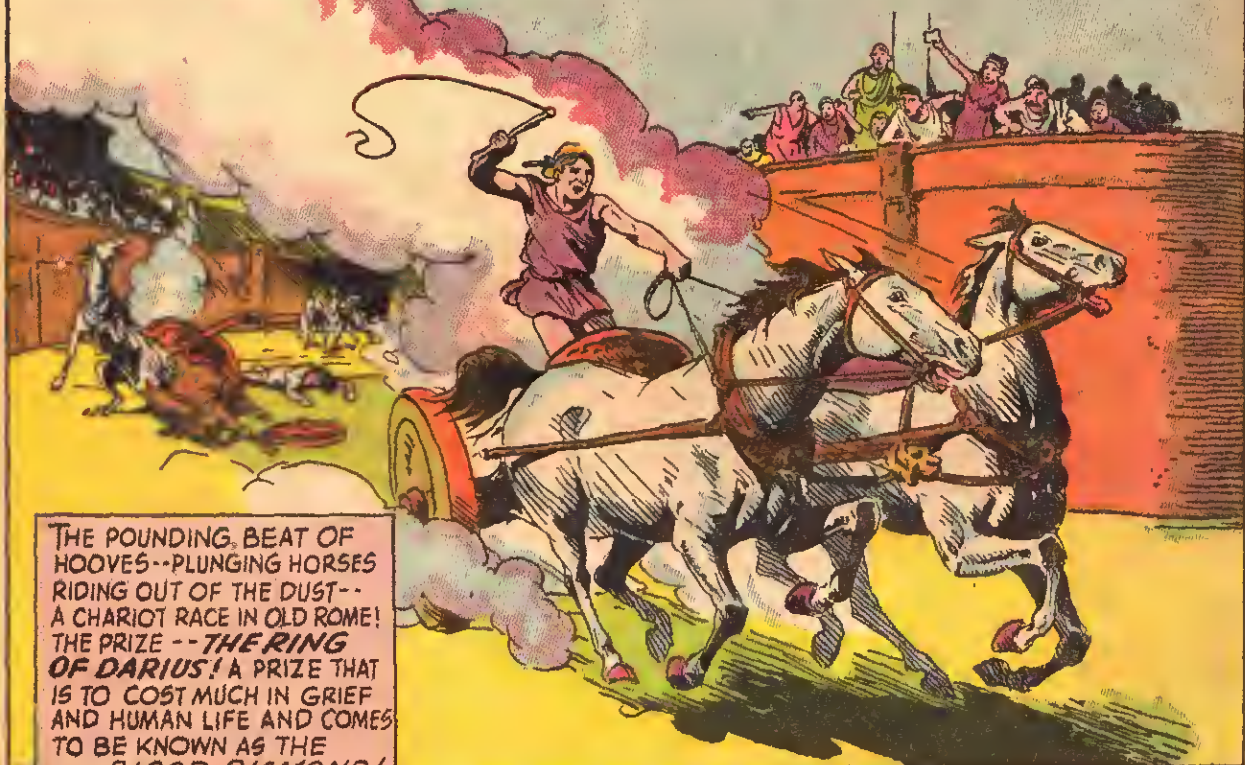
THAT'S GREAT
AND ALL THIS
GIVES ME
AN IDEA,
MATT--



WITH YOUR OUTFITS
AND MY LUCK WE
SHOULD FORM A
NEWSREEL OUTFIT...
THINK OF IT--THE
SILVER - STARR
NEWSREEL CO.!

YOU BET, LUCKY...
WE'RE PARTNERS--
FIFTY FIFTY--
IT LOOKS LIKE I
WAS WORKING
FOR NOTHING
ALL THE WHILE!

THE RING of DARIUS



THE POUNDING BEAT OF
HOOFES--PLUNGING HORSES
RIDING OUT OF THE DUST--
A CHARIOT RACE IN OLD ROME!
THE PRIZE -- **THE RING
OF DARIUS!** A PRIZE THAT
IS TO COST MUCH IN GRIEF
AND HUMAN LIFE AND COMES
TO BE KNOWN AS THE
BLOOD DIAMOND!



GOOD DAY,
DAUGHTER--
I HAVE
GREAT
NEWS!

I TRUST SO -- FOR I
AM BORED AND CRAVE
EXCITEMENT, MY
FATHER! LET ME
HEAR THIS NEWS!

TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO,
A WEALTHY ROMAN--PLENIS--
ENTERED THE APARTMENTS
OF HIS DAUGHTER,
CORINTH!

TODAY I HAVE BOUGHT A
WONDERFUL SLAVE --
YOUNG AND STRONG -- HE
WILL RACE MY CHARIOT
AGAINST THAT OF
HADDUS THE
SENATOR !

I SHOULD LIKE
TO SEE THIS
SLAVE WHO
WILL WIN FOR
US OVER
HADDUS !

I LOOK FORWARD
TO THE GREAT
RACE -- CALL
IN THE SLAVE !

YOU SHALL SEE,
CORINTH, THAT I
CHOSE WELL !



THE DOOR OPENS AND DARIUS IS PUSHED ACROSS THE
THRESHOLD !

THERE -- HAVE I
NOT SPOKEN TRULY?

HE IS A HAND-
SOME WARRIOR,
IS HE NOT ?
YES, YOU
SPOKE TRULY!

BUT -- WHY DO YOU SEEK TO
HIDE YOUR HAND, SLAVE !
UNCOVER!



UNCOVER, I
SAID 'OHH'

UHH!

AS CORINTH PULLS THE
SLAVE'S ROBE ASIDE, THERE'S
A SCINTILLATING FLASH OF
LIGHT --

MARVELOUS 'PRICELESS' !
I DID NOT SEE THE RING
WHEN I BOUGHT HIM !



IT IS THE LAW THAT HE WHO PURCHASES A SLAVE ALSO BUYS HIS POSSESSIONS' THE RING GIVE IT ME'



NAY THE RING SHALL NEVER LEAVE MY PERSON'

WHAT!? HOW DARE YOU SPEAK THUS TO ME!? I AM YOUR MASTER'



IN FAR OFF GAUL - FROM WHENCE I COME - I WAS A PRINCE FAR GREATER AND POSSESSED OF MORE WEALTH, THAN THEE! THEN, THE ROMAN LEGIONS CAME ..



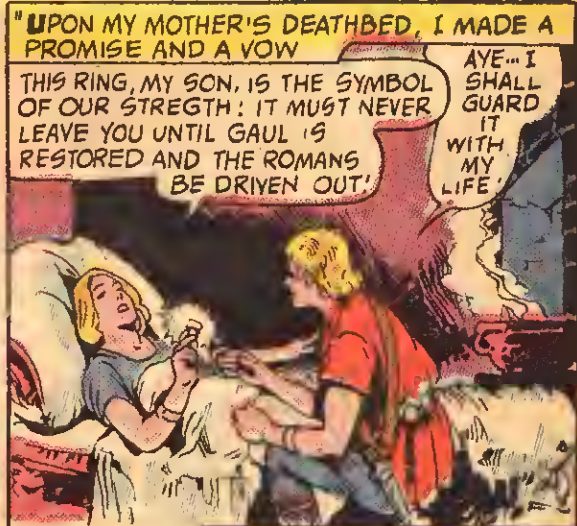
THEY BURNED OUR HOMES... DESTROYED OUR CROPS! TO ME THEY DID LIKEWISE AND THEY KILLED MY MOTHER'



"UPON MY MOTHER'S DEATHBED, I MADE A PROMISE AND A VOW

THIS RING, MY SON, IS THE SYMBOL OF OUR STRENGTH! IT MUST NEVER LEAVE YOU UNTIL GAUL IS RESTORED AND THE ROMANS BE DRIVEN OUT!

AYE... I SHALL GUARD IT WITH MY LIFE'



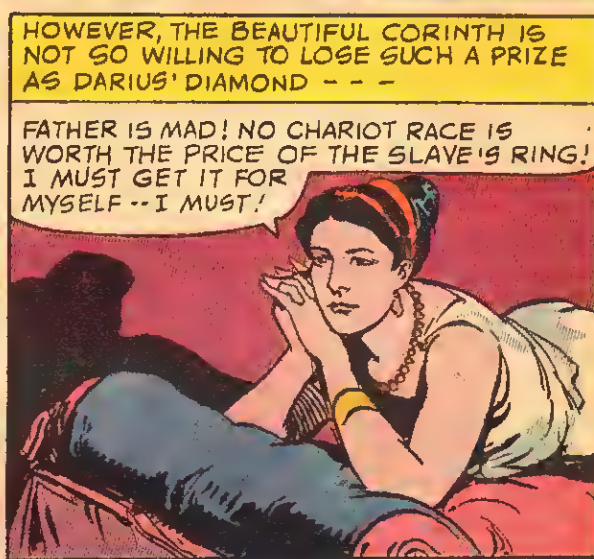
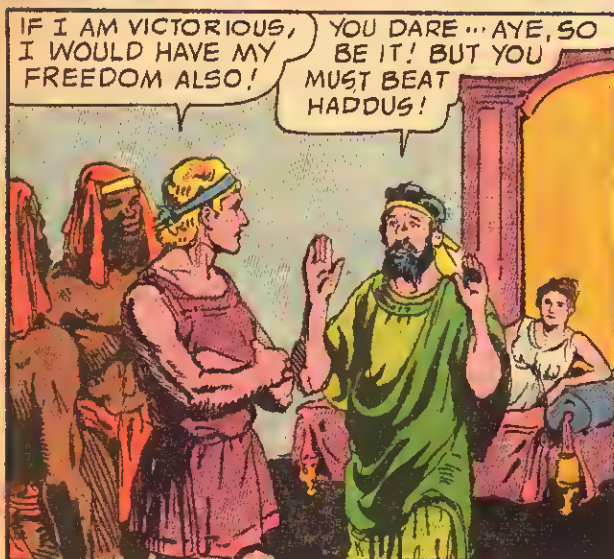
VERY INTERESTING TALE, SLAVE BUT THE RING NOW BELONGS TO ME - AS YOUR PERSON DOES! HOLD HIM GUARDS -- I SHALL MYSELF TAKE THE RING!

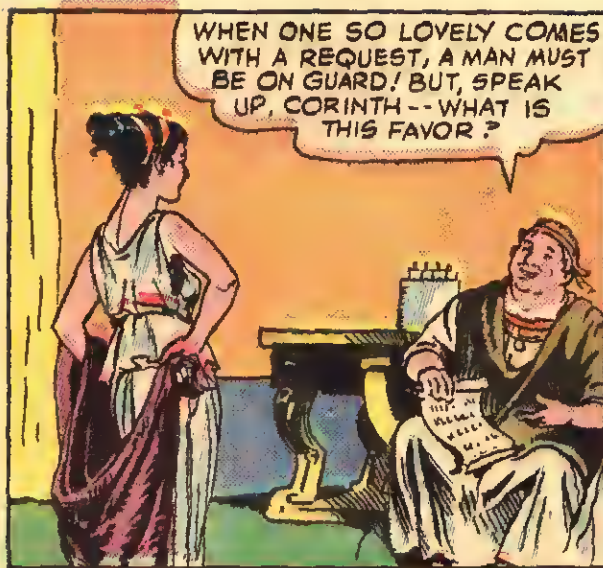
THOU CANST'



BY THE GODS - IT WILL NOT COME OFF! YET, IT IS LOOSE ON THY FLESH! WHAT STRANGE BUSINESS IS THIS?







WHEN ONE SO LOVELY COMES WITH A REQUEST, A MAN MUST BE ON GUARD! BUT, SPEAK UP, CORINTH -- WHAT IS THIS FAVOR?



I WISH, TO BE SURE THAT MY FATHER'S SLAVE WINS THE CHARIOT RACE, HADDUS... DO THIS FOR ME AND AND I WILL SIT IN YOUR BOX ON THAT DAY!

YOU WILL SIT --- YOU WANT ME TO ... WELL, BY ALL THE GODS!!



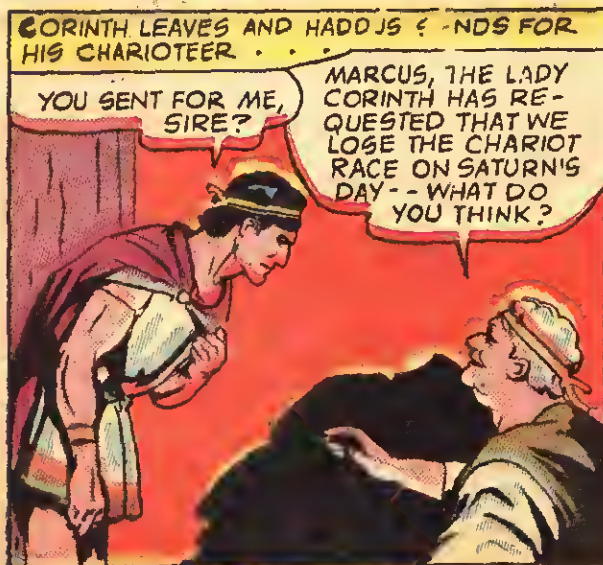
COME, HADDUS -- SAY YOU WILL OBLIGE ME!

IT IS WORTH THE PRIZE, FAIR CORINTH, TO HAVE MY BOX GRACED WITH YOUR BEAUTY --- YOUR FATHER SHALL WIN THE RACE!



THEN, I BID THEE GOOD DAY -- WE MEET AGAIN IN YOUR BOX!

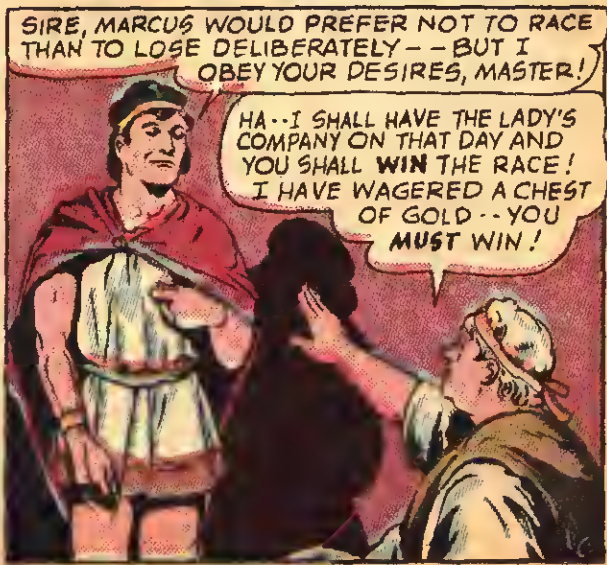
DO NOT FORGET YOUR PROMISE AND I SHALL REMEMBER MINE!



CORINTH LEAVES AND HADDUS SENDS FOR HIS CHARIOTEER.

YOU SENT FOR ME, SIRE?

MARCUS, THE LADY CORINTH HAS REQUESTED THAT WE LOSE THE CHARIOT RACE ON SATURN'S DAY -- WHAT DO YOU THINK?



SIRE, MARCUS WOULD PREFER NOT TO RACE THAN TO LOSE DELIBERATELY -- BUT I OBEY YOUR DESIRES, MASTER!

HA -- I SHALL HAVE THE LADY'S COMPANY ON THAT DAY AND YOU SHALL WIN THE RACE! I HAVE WAGERED A CHEST OF GOLD -- YOU MUST WIN!

CORINTH, NOT KNOWING SHE IS TO BE TRICKED, ENJOYS HER OWN THOUGHTS!

DARIUS WILL WIN THE RACE AND HE WILL OWN THE RING... MY ASSASSINS KILL HIM AND BRING IT TO ME!



ON SATURN'S DAY, THE FESTIVAL CROWDS THROG TO THE GREAT ROMAN ARENA...



MEANWHILE, IN THE STALLS, PLENIS INSTRUCTS DARIUS...

HADDUS' MAN WILL BE YOUR COMPETITION --- WATCH HIM! GOOO LUCK TO YOU!

THANK YOU, PLENIS -- THE RACE AND THE PRIZE WILL BE YOURS!



THE RING OR HADDUS' GOLD -- HA! HA! NO MATTER WHAT THE OUTCOME, I WILL WIN! I WOULD AS SOON HAVE THE ONE AS THE OTHER!



AND OUTSIDE THE HEAVY WALLS, CORINTH CONSPIRES...

MY ORDERS ARE CLEAR?

YES, MISTRESS -- WE SLAY DARIUS AT THE STALLS AFTER HE WINS THE RACE!



BUT, REMEMBER -- YOU ARE NOT TO TOUCH HIS BODY -- I WILL COME AT ONCE TO MOURN... HERE IS YOUR FEE!

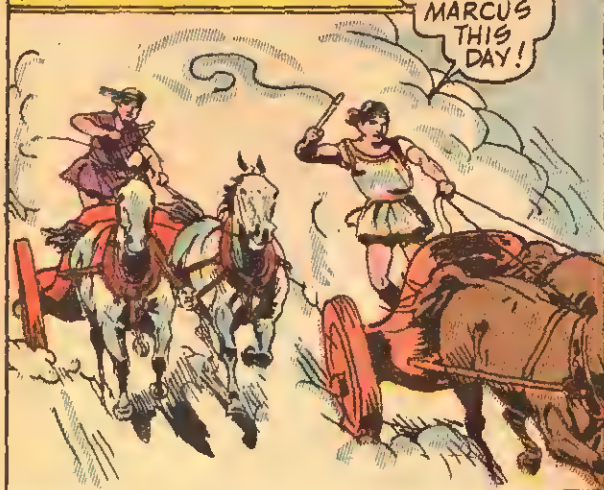


AT LAST, ALL IS READY AND THE CHARIOTEERS RACE
ACROSS THE STARTING LINE AMID THE THUNDEROUS
APPLAUSE OF THE ROMAN THROG . . .



MARCUS BREAKS INTO THE LEAD
WITH DARIUS CLOSE BEHIND..

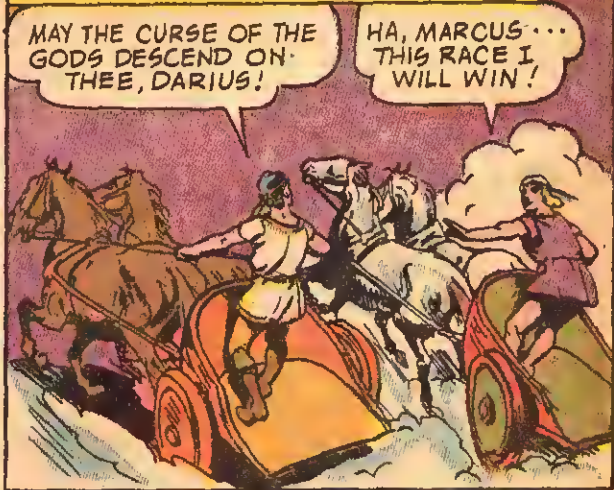
HA! NO-ONE
WILL PASS
MARCUS
THIS
DAY!



DARIUS TRIES TO PULL EVEN AT THE FIRST
PERILOUS TURN...

MAY THE CURSE OF THE
GODS DESCEND ON
THEE, DARIUS!

HA, MARCUS...
THIS RACE I
WILL WIN!

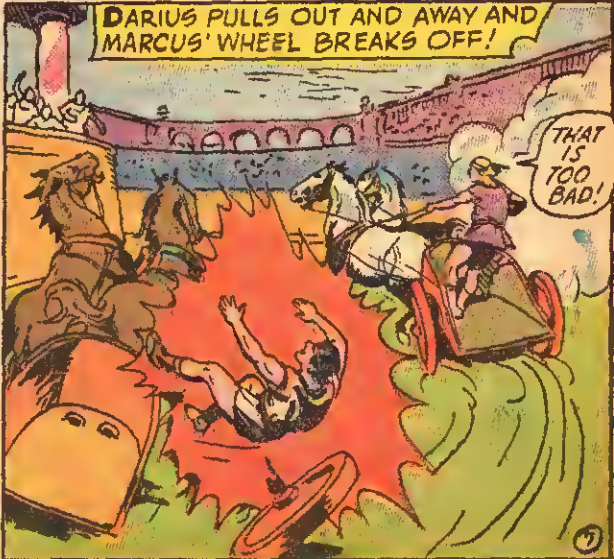


I THINK NOT, DARIUS! BACK
OR I LOCK THE WHEELS!



DARIUS PULLS OUT AND AWAY AND
MARCUS' WHEEL BREAKS OFF!

THAT
IS
TOO
BAD!

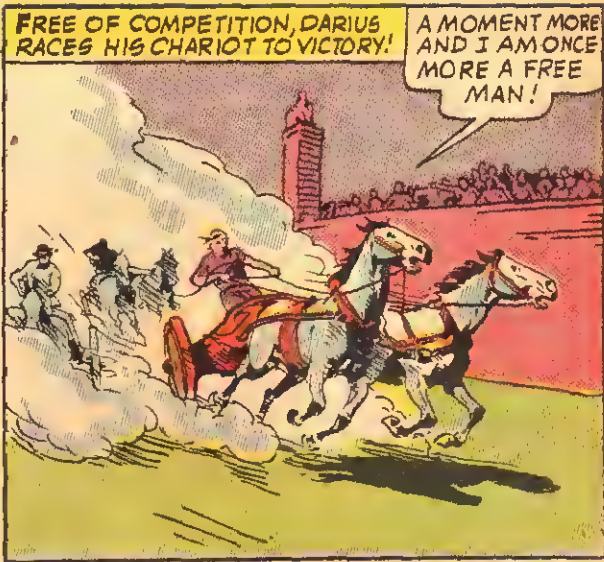


AH, MARCUS-- THAT IS A
BAD WAY FOR A MAN TO
DIE!



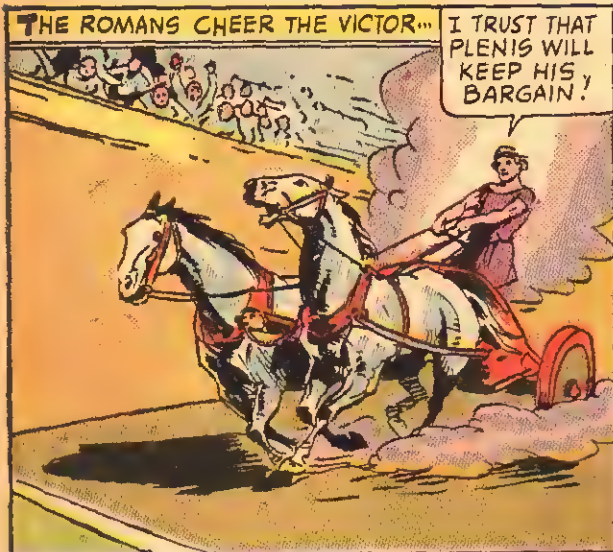
FREE OF COMPETITION, DARIUS
RACES HIS CHARIOT TO VICTORY!

A MOMENT MORE
AND I AM ONCE
MORE A FREE
MAN!



THE ROMANS CHEER THE VICTOR...

I TRUST THAT
PLENIS WILL
KEEP HIS
BARGAIN.



AND IN PLENIS' BOX, AS HE RECEIVES THE
VICTOR'S WREATH ...

WELL, I SHALL TAKE HADDUS'
GOLD! THAT IS BEST, FOR
GOLD I CAN SPEND---
THE DIAMOND WOULD
BE WORTH MY LIFE--
LET DARIUS KEEP IT!



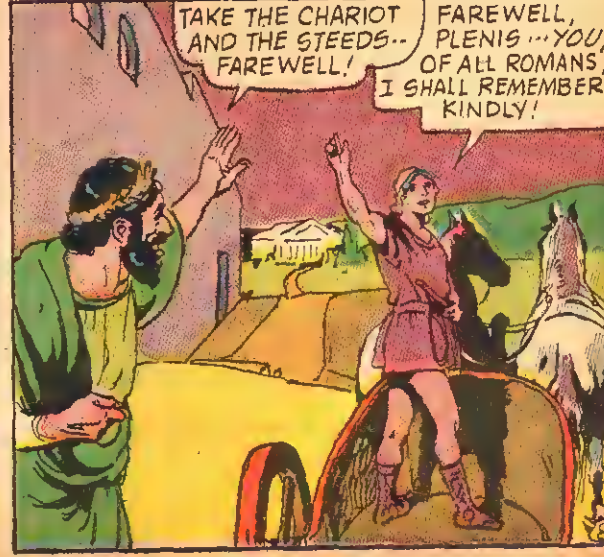
PLENIS, I HAVE
WON THE RACE!

YOU ARE FREE
TO GO NOW,
DARIUS!



TAKE THE CHARIOT
AND THE STEEDS--
FAREWELL!

FAREWELL,
PLENIS... YOU,
OF ALL ROMANS,
I SHALL REMEMBER
KINDLY!



PLENIS' GIFT, HOWEVER, UPSETS CORINTH'S PLANS...

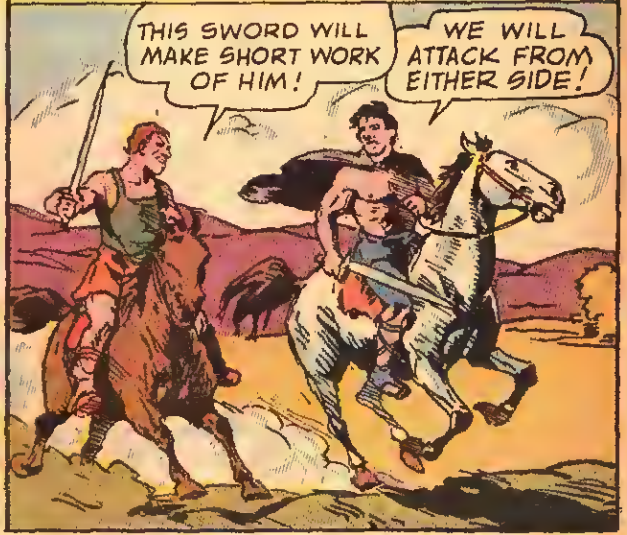
HE MUST NOT GET AWAY! AFTER HIM!



THE HIRED ASSASSINS PURSUE DARIUS...

THIS SWORD WILL MAKE SHORT WORK OF HIM!

WE WILL ATTACK FROM EITHER SIDE!



DARIUS TURNS AT THE SOUND OF THE RACING HORSES...

UH... WHO IS THIS!

DEATH TO YOU, DARIUS!



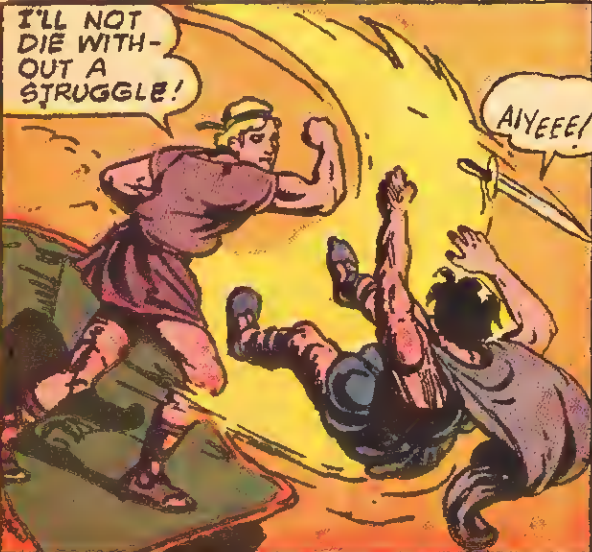
PLENIS... HE SENT YOU TO DO THIS!

NAY -- BUT YOU ARE CLOSE! T'WAS HIS DAUGHTER!



I'LL NOT DIE WITHOUT A STRUGGLE!

AIYEEE!



BUT, TREACHERY FROM BEHIND FELS THE BRAVE GAUL!

AGH..



DARIUS FALLS TO THE GROUND,
MORTALLY WOUNDED ...

CORINTH MUST WANT THE
RING -- NO ROMAN WILL
WEAR IT ... I ... I
PROMISED!



HIDE THYSELF, DIAMOND --
I WOULD I HAD THE
STRENGTH TO THROW
THEE FARTHER ... NOW,
I ... DIE ...



BUT CORINTH, RUNNING ON FOOT
TOWARD THE SCENE, HAS SEEN
THE DIAMOND FLASH THROUGH
THE AIR...

HE THREW IT
SOMEWHERE
NEAR HERE
... I MUST
FIND IT...
AH!



BUT ... IT IS CRIMSON! THE COLOR OF
BLOOD! WHAT MAGIC IT MUST POSSESS --
NOW IT IS
MINE!



THAT IS WHY YOU WISHED DARIUS KILLED...
I DO NOT WONDER! THAT PRICELESS GEM
SHALL BE
MINE!



BY JUPITER -- IT IS A BLOOD RED DIAMOND!
NO MAN HAS EVER SEEN IT'S MATCH -- WHY,
THE EMPEROR HIMSELF WOULD GIVE MUCH
TO OWN IT!! HA ... I AM FORTUNATE!
WEALTH WILL SOON BE MINE!



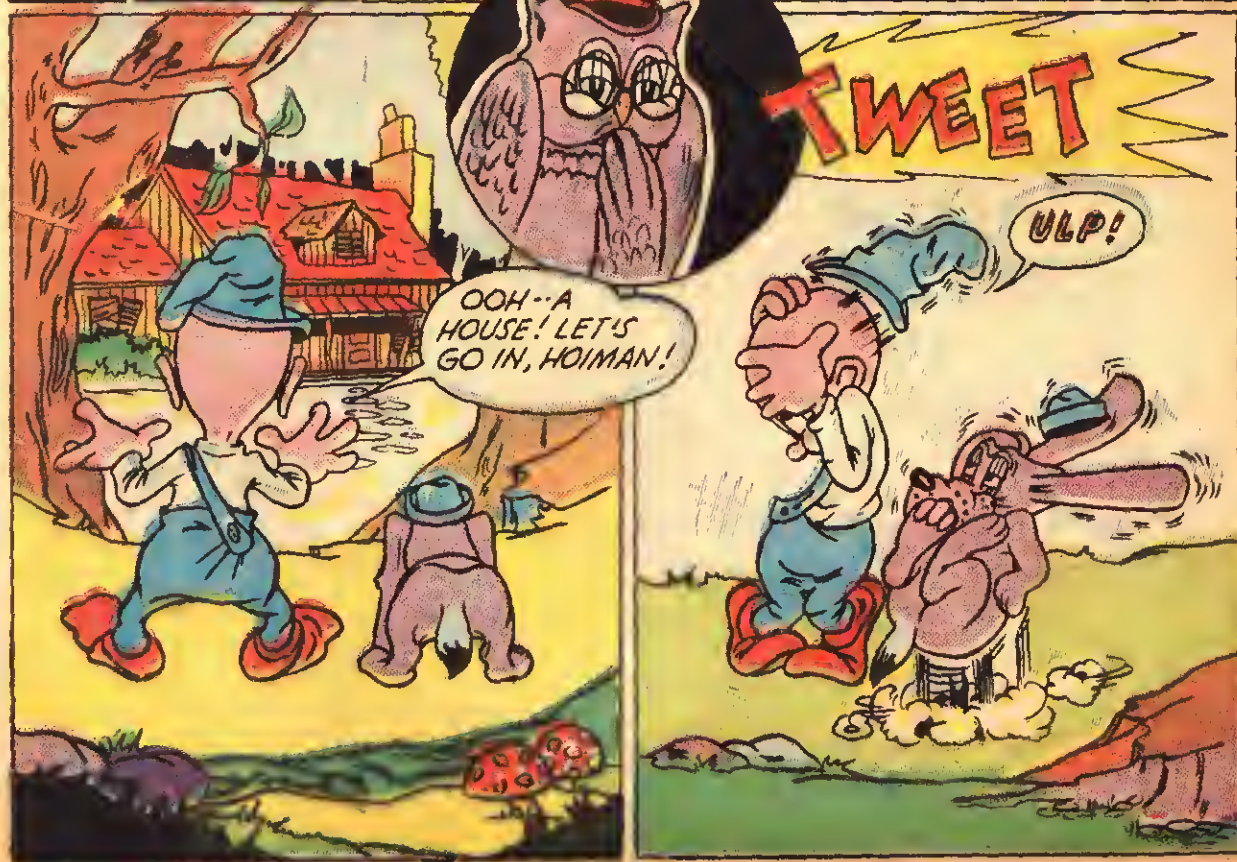
HOWEVER --
FROM THE
LAND BEYOND,
DARIUS
DELIVERS A
CURSE ...

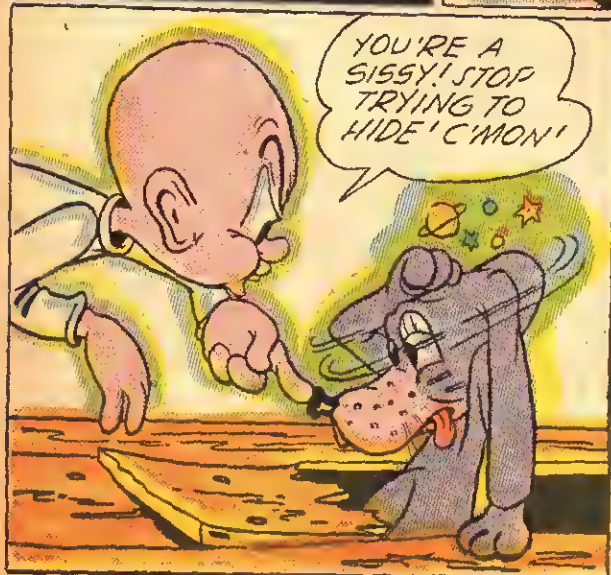
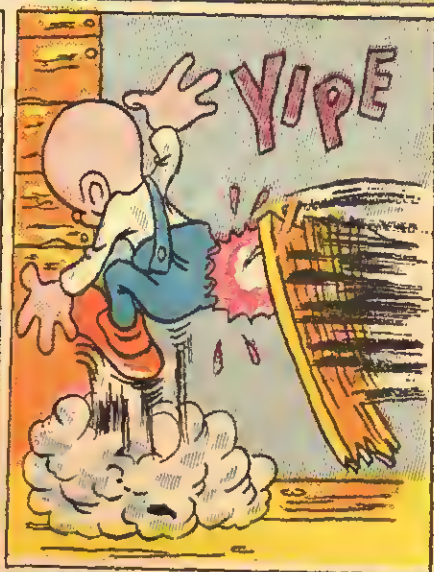
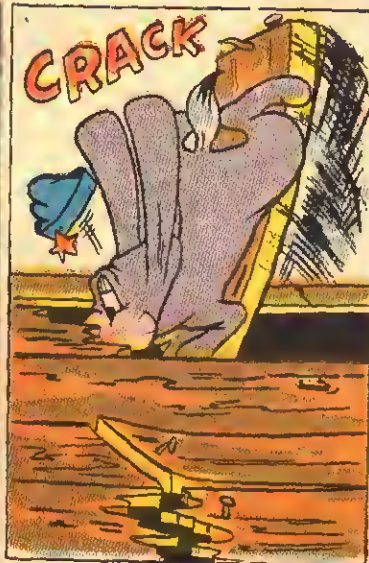
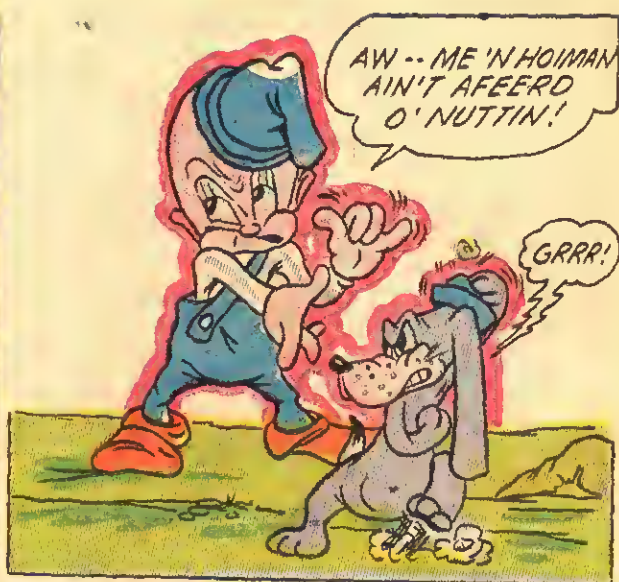
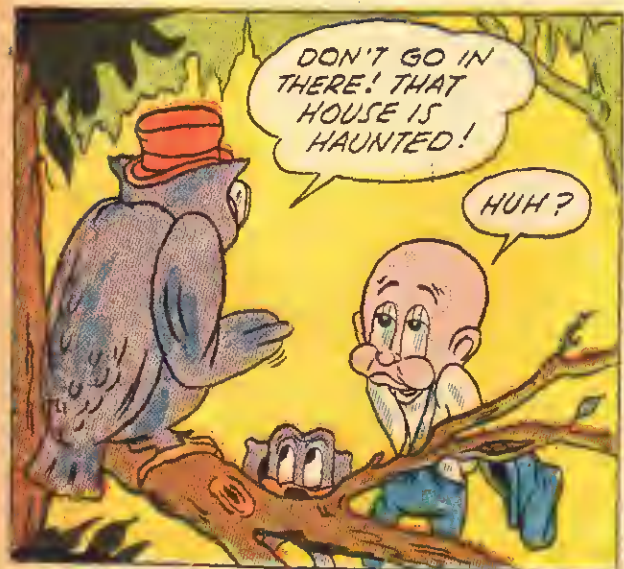
THE RING OF DARIUS
IS NOW THE DIAMOND
OF BLOOD ... TO EACH
MAN WHO WEARS IT,
IT WILL BRING
DEATH!



THE RING OF DARIUS WILL BE CONTINUED
IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF **LUCKY COMICS!**

NOMIE and HOIMAN





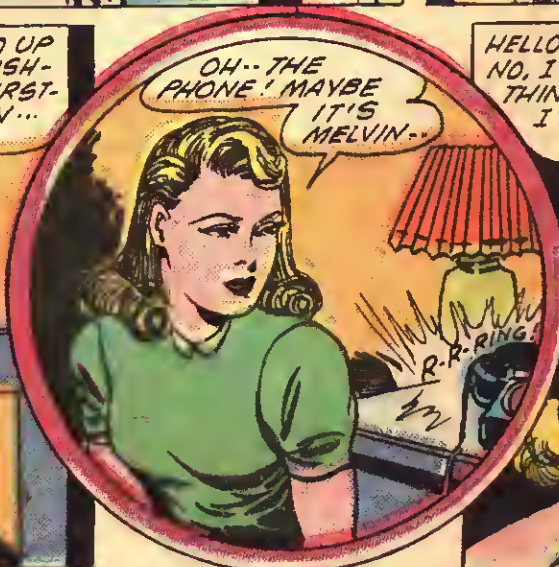
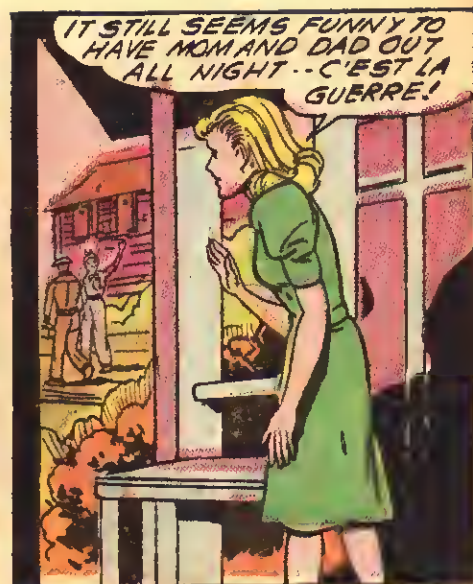
BOBBIE

WHO IS BOBBIE? WELL, SHE MIGHT BE THE GIRL NEXT DOOR... OR SHE COULD BE YOUR SISTER... ANYONES SISTER! AND, IN A WAY, BOBBIE IS ALL AMERICAN GIRLS ROLLED INTO ONE! AS WE MEET HER NOW, SHE'S BUSY DOING HER SHARE TO WIN THE WAR AND TO KEEP PEACE ON THE HOME FRONT...



BOBBIE LIVES IN A NICE LITTLE HOUSE WITH HER PARENTS -- SOMEWHERE ON THE EDGE OF MILLTOWN, AWAY FROM THE BUSY HUM OF THE BOOMING WAR INDUSTRIES!







BOBBIE LEAVES--A LITTLE ASHAMED BUT ALSO RELIEVED...

HUMPH! FUN! I'LL HAVE MORE FUN TAKING A WALK BY MYSELF!



BOBBIE WALKS THROUGH THE TOWN UNTIL

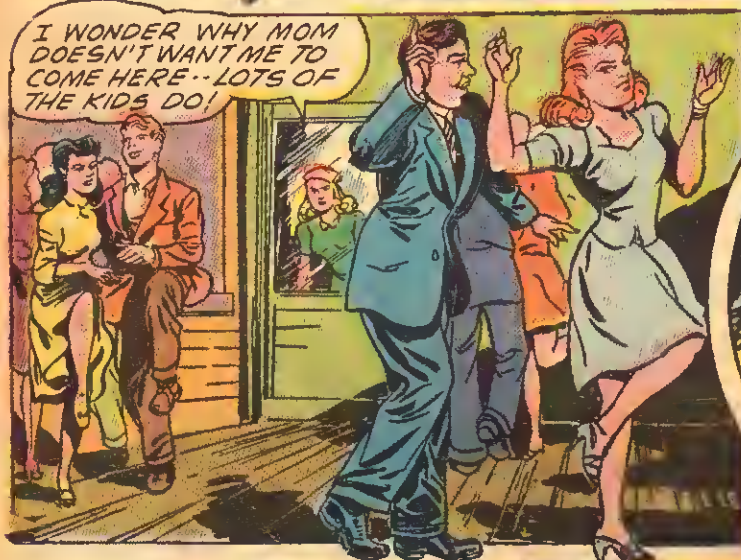
WHEN--I'M TIRED! GUESS I'D BETTER GET HOME



GOSH--HERE'S JAKE'S PLACE!



I WONDER WHY MOM DOESN'T WANT ME TO COME HERE--LOTS OF THE KIDS DO!



BUT, IT IS A CHEAP DUMP--WOULDN'T IT BE NICE IF WE KIDS COULD HAVE A PLACE OF OUR OWN? GOSH--



THAT EMPTY LOFT WOULD MAKE A SWELL 'JIVE DIVE'! SAY! MAYBE I'VE GOT AN IDEA!



I WONDER IF I COULD GET SOME OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS TO HELP--WE'D HAVE A PLACE ALL OUR OWN!



ALL DURING THE NEXT WEEK, BOBBIE CONTACTS THE PARENTS OF MILLTOWN -- -- SEEKING TO INTEREST THEM IN HER IDEA! MANY ARE SO ENTHUSIASTIC, THEY CONTRIBUTE MORE THAN MORAL SUPPORT!



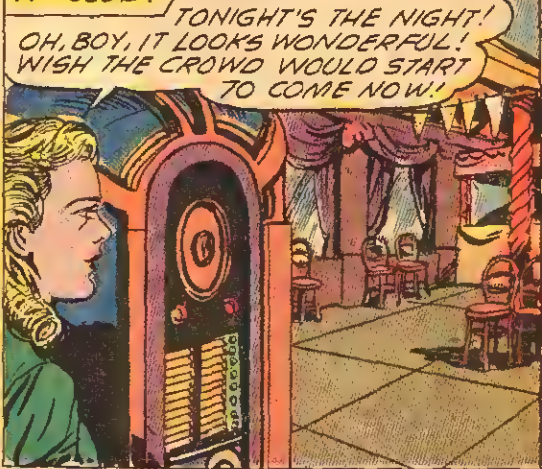
HERE BOBBIE, MAYBE THIS WILL HELP!

WHEN THE COUNT IS MADE...

GOLLY-- I'VE GOT OVER FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS! AND MR. HARMS SAYS WE CAN HAVE THE LOFT FOR HALF-PRICE! WHOOPEE! WE'RE IN!



SO, A COUPLE OF WEEKS LATER, THE KIDS ARE READY TO OPEN THE SKI-HI CLUB!



TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT! OH, BOY, IT LOOKS WONDERFUL! WISH THE CROWD WOULD START TO COME NOW!

BUT, AT NINE-THIRTY! I-- I DON'T UNDERSTAND! NO-ONE'S COMING! WE'RE A FLOP -- AND JAKE'S PLACE A-CROSS THE STREET IS ALL C-CROWDED!



WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING, BOBBIE!

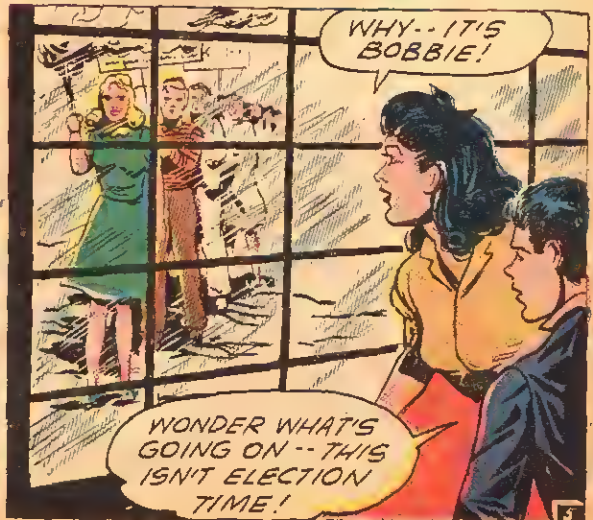
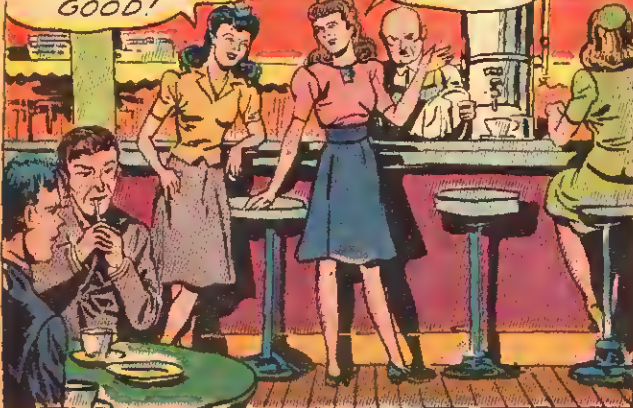
I'VE GOT AN IDEA! LET'S PUT ON A BIG PARADE TO ADVERTISE! WE'LL GET TORCHES AND WE'LL MARCH ALONG MAIN STREET...



A LITTLE LATER IN JAKE'S PLACE -- --

WHAT'S ALL THE EXCITEMENT OUTSIDE, JUNE? SOUNDS GOOD!

SOME KIND OF PARADE -- LET'S GO SEE!



WHY-- IT'S BOBBIE!

WONDER WHAT'S GOING ON -- THIS ISN'T ELECTION TIME!



LOOK--
THEY'RE
COMING OUT
OF JAKE'S
PLACE!



WONDER WHAT IT'S LIKE?
HOW ABOUT GIVING
IT A WHIRL?

AW--
KID STUFF!

LET'S!

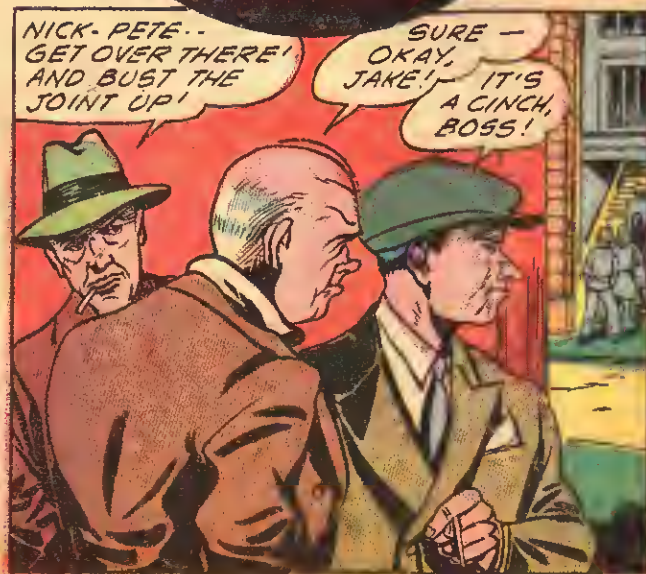


LOOK AT THE
CROWD NOW!! AND,
THEY SEEM TO BE
HAVING A GOOD
TIME!



BUT JAKE
WATCHES FROM
ACROSS THE
STREET AND
MAKES
HIS PLANS!

DRAIT THAT
BROWNING
KID--SHE'LL
RUIN MY
BUSINESS
IF I DON'T
PUT A
STOP
TO HER!



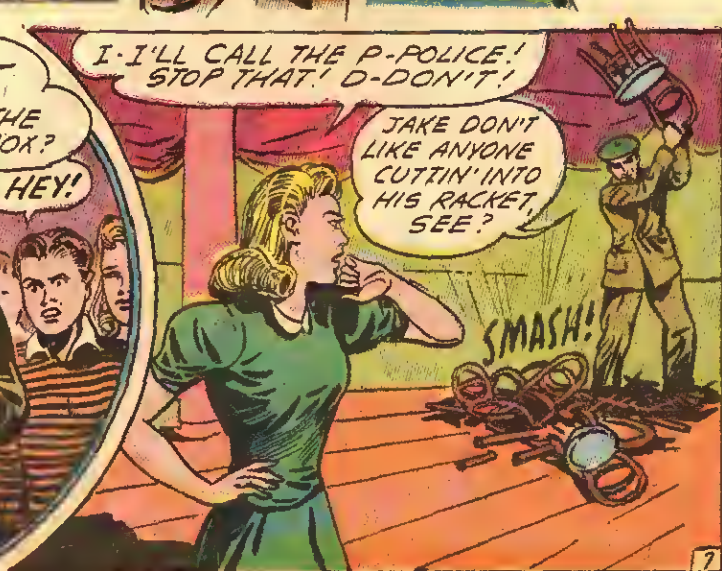
NICK- PETE--
GET OVER THERE!
AND BUST THE
JOINT UP!

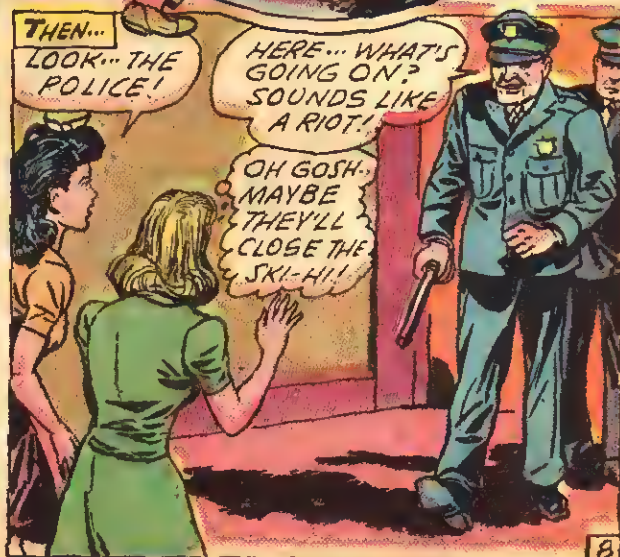
SURE -
OKAY,
JAKE! - IT'S
A CINCH,
BOSS!

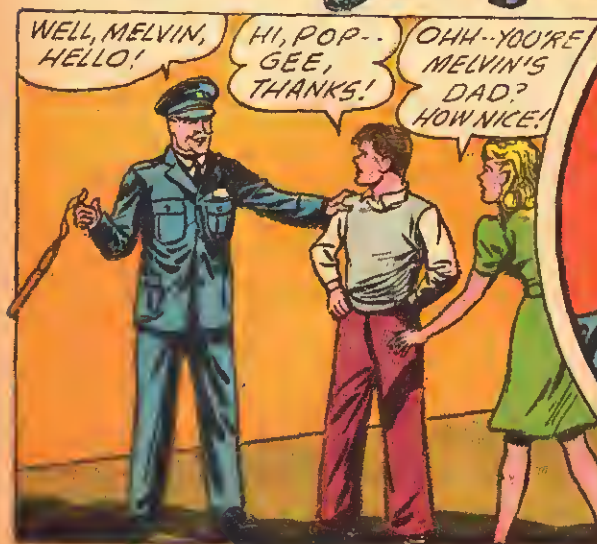


HAWW-- LOOKS LIKE
JAKE DON'T LIKE
COMPETITION!

YOU
MEAN--
OH,
NO!







DOWNSTAIRS... WATCH THESE GUYS, KELLY-- I WANT A FEW WORDS WITH JAKE BEFORE WE LEAVE!

SURE, MIKE!

NOW, LISTEN, JAKE-- YOU STAY AWAY FROM THESE KIDS OR WE'LL CLOSE YOUR PLACE FOR GOOD! SEE?

YEAH-- SURE, O'ROURKE! DON'T WORRY! HEH-HEH! THEY'RE NICE KIDS!

I'LL BREAK THAT FOOL GIRL'S NECK... I'LL PUT HER OUT OF BUSINESS, IF I HAVE TO

BACK AT THE SKI-HI CLUB-- A FAST FRIENDSHIP IS FORMED!

BOBBIE, YOU'VE GOT A SWELL PLACE HERE! GOSH, IT LOOKS HEH! DO YOU THINK I COULD...

WHY, DOTTIE-- WE WANT YOU TO STAY!

REMEMBER, JAKE, ANY MORE TROUBLE AND YOU'LL BE CLOSED UP!

YOU MEAN YOU'LL EVEN LET ME HELP - OH, JEEPERS!

IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU, DOTTIE, THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY SKI-HI CLUB - -

OH, I GUESS MELVIN'S DAD HAD MORE EFFECT, THAN I DID!

ANYHOW-- WE'VE HAD SOME OPENING NIGHT! BUT IN SPITE OF IT, THE SKI-HI'S A REAL SUCCESS!

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO BOBBIE AND THE SKI-HI GANG IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF LUCKY COMICS?

JUNIOR

= MINDS THE
BABY

BY
ALONZO

PHOOEY - AND
THIS IS THE
DAY THE "RED
RAVENS" PLAY
THAT TOUGH
GOOSENIBBLE
GANG ON THEIR
OWN GROUNDS--
THE RAVENS NEED
JUNIOR VERY MUCH
SINCE HE'S THEIR
STAR PITCHER
AND CAP'N OF
THE TEAM--

YOU CAN USE
MY NEW GLOVE,
IF YOU'LL
COME
OUT!

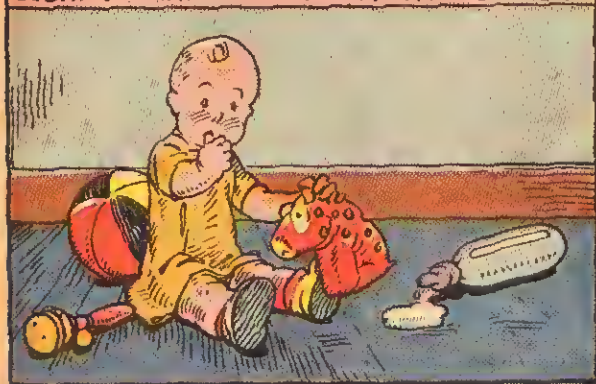
AW, COME
ON, JUNIOR!

I CAN'T TELL 'EM
WHY I CAN'T COME OUT
AND PLAY BALL TO-
DAY - O, GOSH!

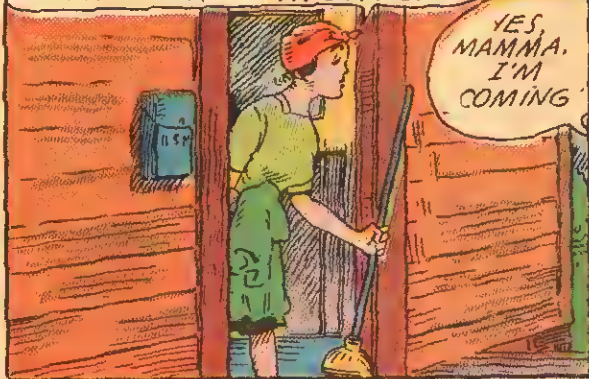
DON'TCHA
WANNA
SEE YOUR
TEAM WIN,
HUH?

A
BIG GOB
OF
SILENCE

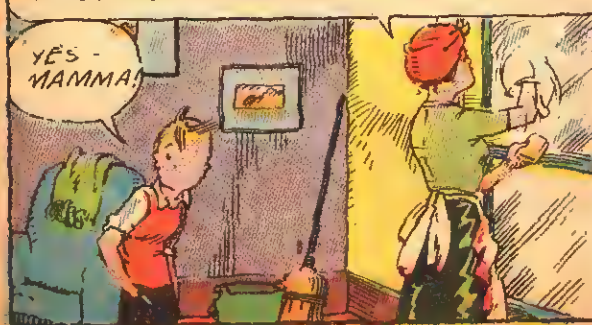
HERE'S WHAT'S HOLDING UP THE GAME!



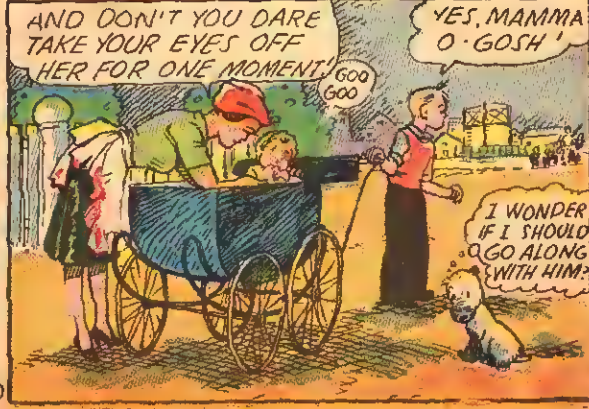
JUN-N-I-ORR OH, JUNIOR!



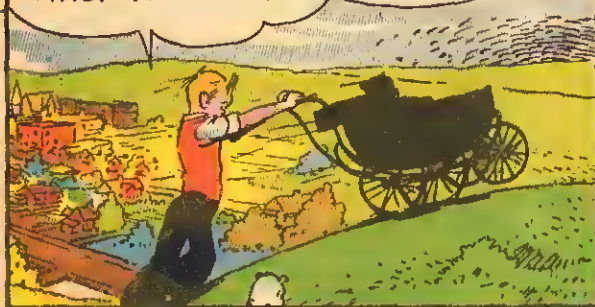
JUNIOR, I WANT YOU TO TAKE YOUR
BABY SISTER OUT IN HER CARRIAGE
WHILE I DO THE HOUSE CLEANING



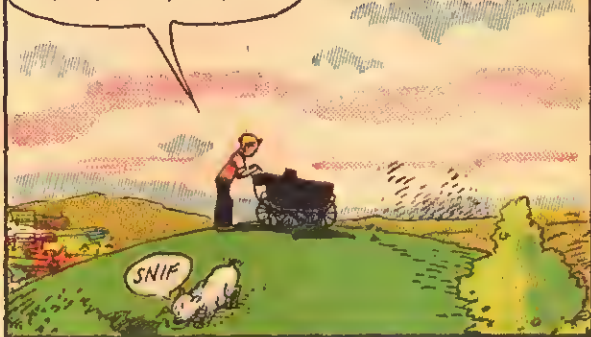
AND DON'T YOU DARE
TAKE YOUR EYES OFF
HER FOR ONE MOMENT!



I GUESS NOBODY EVER HAD TH' TROUBLES AND TRIBULATIONS LIKE I'VE GOT! I CAN'T EVER PLAN LIKE OTHER KIDS DO!



GOSH! I CAN SEE LIKE EVERYTHING - WAY UP HERE!

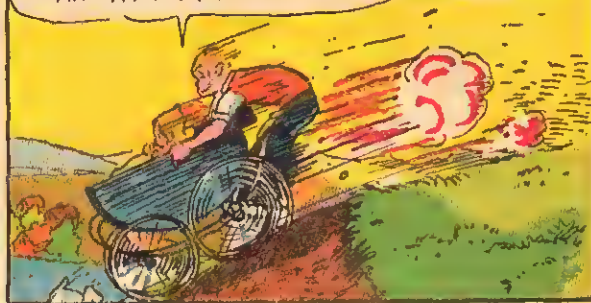


I CAN SEE MY GOOD OLD BALL TEAM PRACTISING FOR TH' GAME THIS AFTERNOON: GOSH! CHEE!!



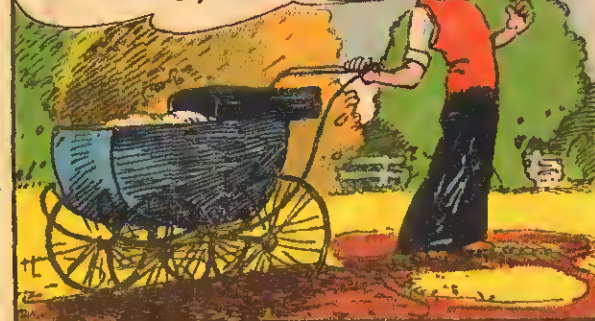
GOO, GOO

I'LL GO BACK DOWN HOME, GET MY LUNCH, AND COME BACK UP HERE TO SEE MY TEAM PLAY TH' GOOSENIBBLE TEAM THIS AFTERNOON!



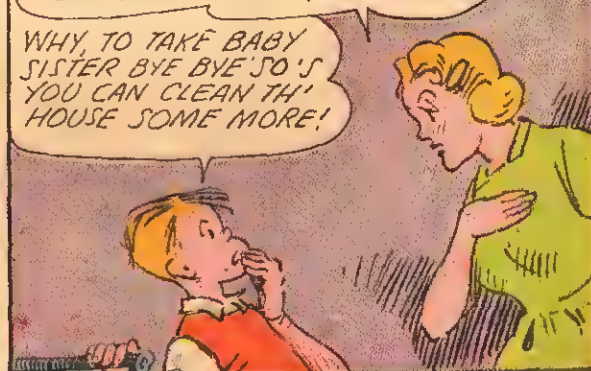
AFTER LUNCH ...

ALL RIGHT, MAMMA, I'M READY -



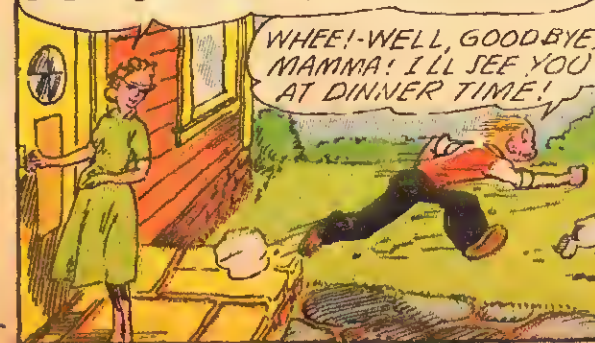
READY FOR WHAT, JUNIOR?

WHY, TO TAKE BABY SISTER BYE BYE 'O'S YOU CAN CLEAN TH' HOUSE SOME MORE!



O, YOU NEEDN'T TAKE HER OUT AGAIN.. SHE'LL SLEEP ALL THE AFTERNOON--

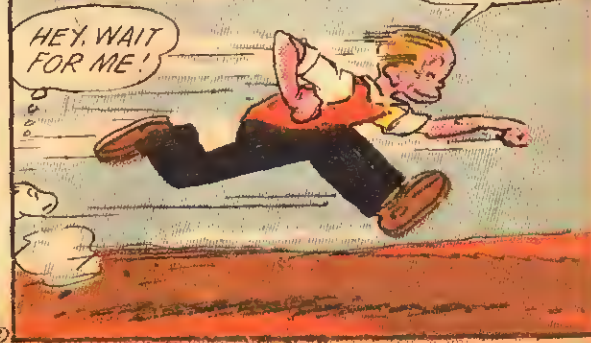
WHEE!-WELL, GOODBYE, MAMMA! I'LL SEE YOU AT DINNER TIME!



JUNN-N-I-O-R!

GOSH! CHEE!

HEY, WAIT FOR ME!



JUNIOR - YOU COME RIGHT BACK HERE!

AW, CHEE!

PLOMP

REMEMBER, YOUR FATHER TOLD YOU TO RAKE UP THE YARD THIS AFTERNOON!

SHOOT!

GOSH - CHEE - JUST WHEN I THOUGHT I HAD TH' SITUATION UNDER CONTROL!

WHILE OUT AT THE BALL FIELD...

GAME CALLED ON 'COUNT OF RAIN!

BOOM!

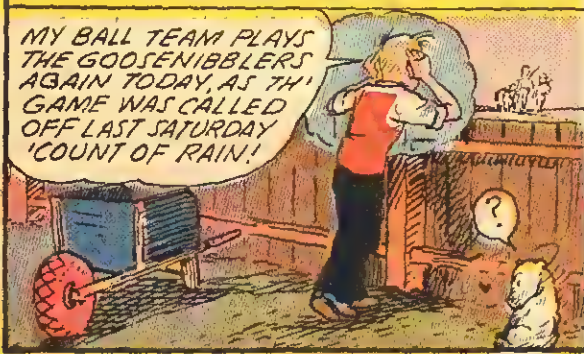
CRACK!

HEY, SLIM, WHO WON TH' BALL GAME?

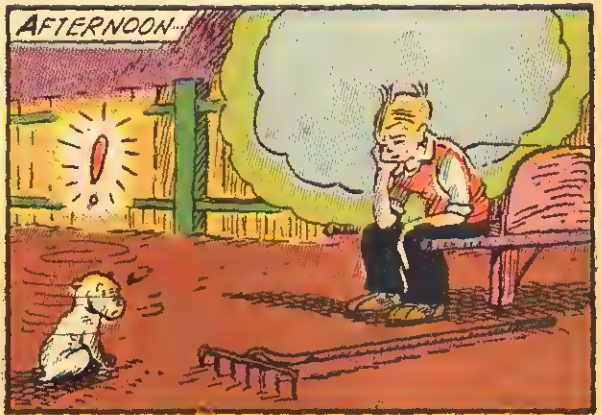
TH' RAIN - TH' GAME WAS CALLED TILL NEXT SATURDAY!

ONE WEEK HAS ROLLED BY AND IT IS NOW SATURDAY MORNING AGAIN --

MY BALL TEAM PLAYS THE GOOSENIBBLERS AGAIN TODAY, AS TH' GAME WAS CALLED OFF LAST SATURDAY 'COUNT OF RAIN!



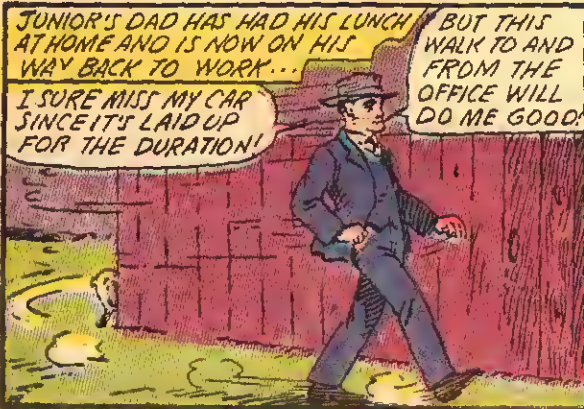
AFTERNOON--



JUNIOR'S DAD HAS HAD HIS LUNCH AT HOME AND IS NOW ON HIS WAY BACK TO WORK...

I SURE MISS MY CAR SINCE IT'S LAID UP FOR THE DURATION!

BUT THIS WALK TO AND FROM THE OFFICE WILL DO ME GOOD.



A BALL GAME - GUESS I'LL STOP AND WATCH THE KIDS PLAY FOR A WHILE - I'M NOT SO BUSY AT THE OFFICE TODAY! WHEN I WAS A KID I WAS STAR PITCHER ON THE BLUE DRAGONS - THOSE WERE THE DAYS!



ROBBER-BUM-SCUM! ARE YOU BLIND? THAT WAS A BALL - OR DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE 'TWEEN A BALL AND A STRIKE?

STRIKE TWO!



HEY, SLIM, SEE THAT MAN OVER THERE - HE'S JUNIOR'S FATHER - YOU GET OUT THERE ON TH' MOUND 'N STALL TH' GAME WHILE I HAVE A TALK WITH HIM!

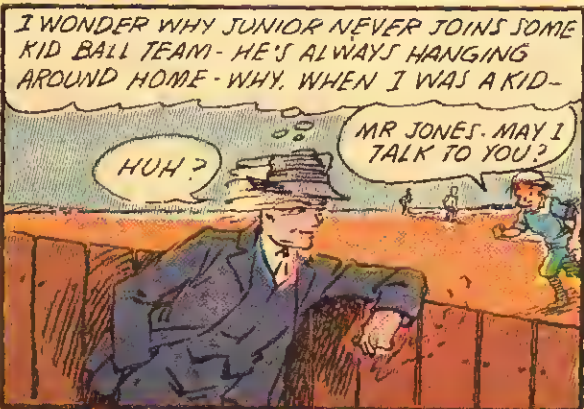
PHEW, S-HOT! BUT I'D RATHER SEE A GAME LIKE THIS THAN BIG LEAGUE STUFF!



I WONDER WHY JUNIOR NEVER JOINS SOME KID BALL TEAM - HE'S ALWAYS HANGING AROUND HOME - WHY, WHEN I WAS A KID-

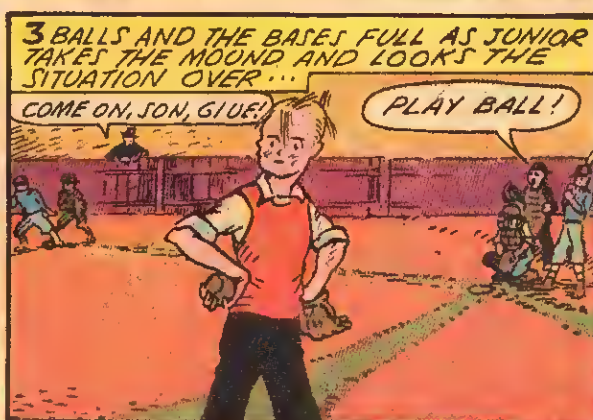
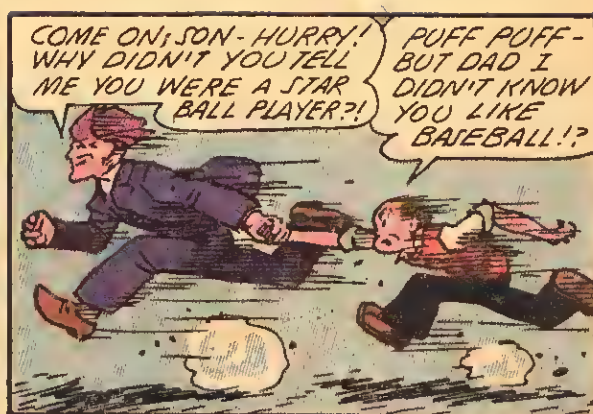
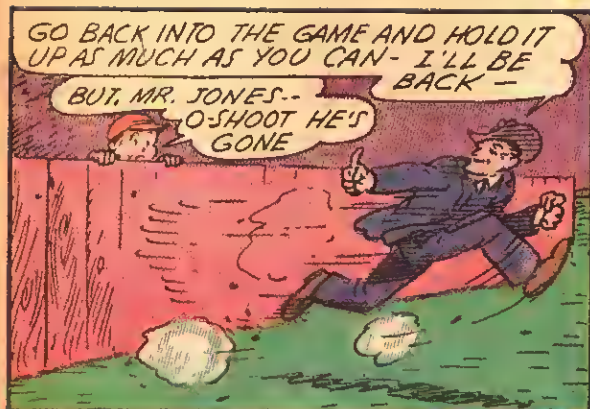
HUH?

MR JONES. MAY I TALK TO YOU?

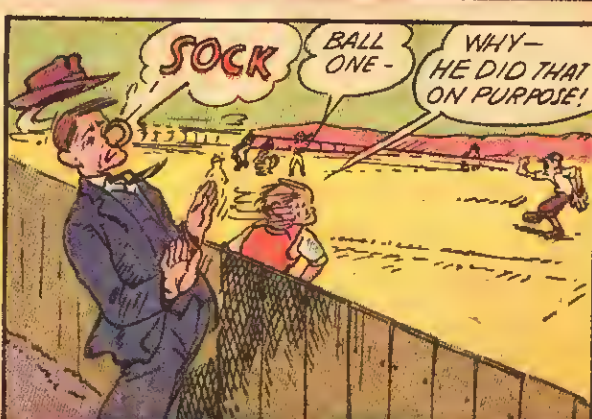
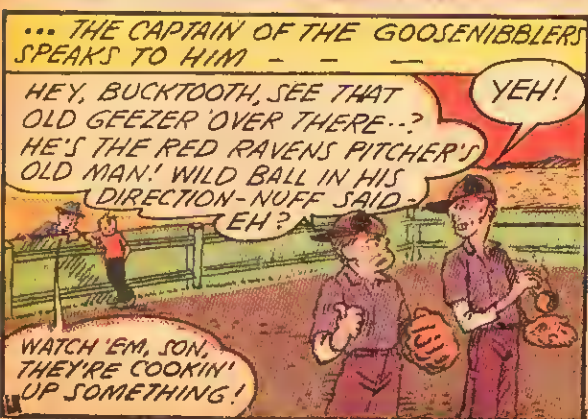


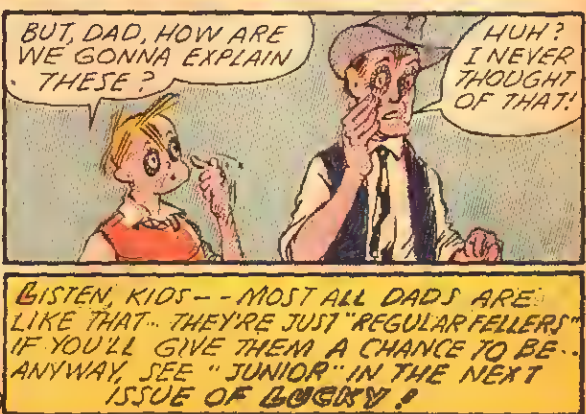
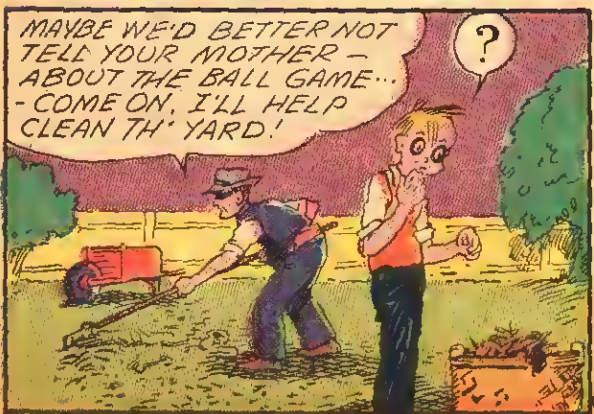
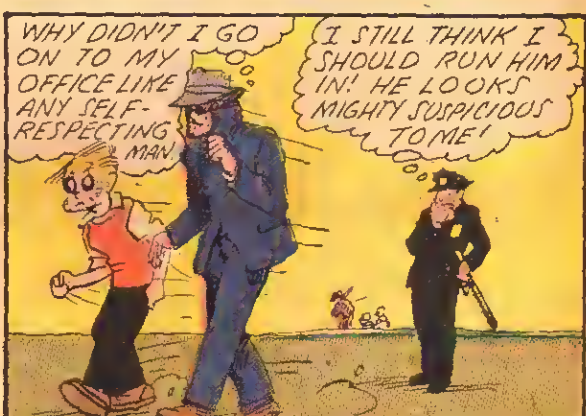
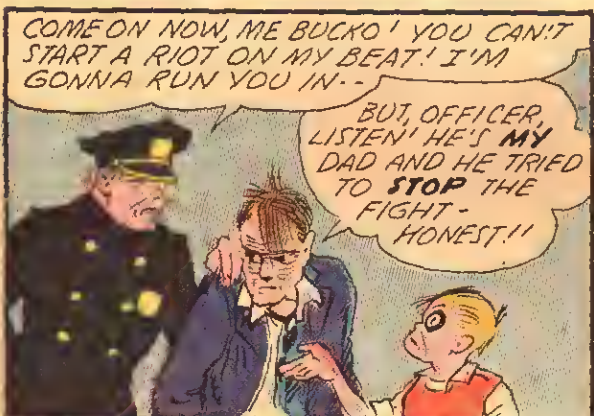
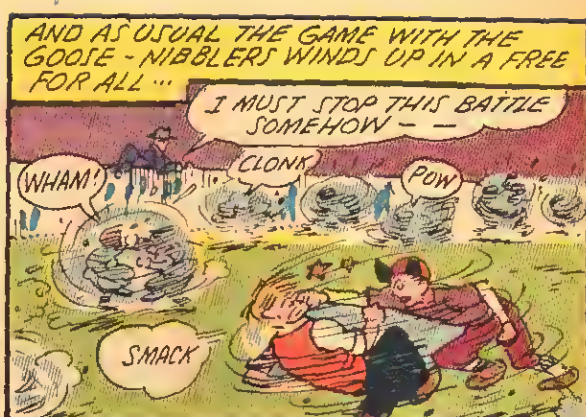
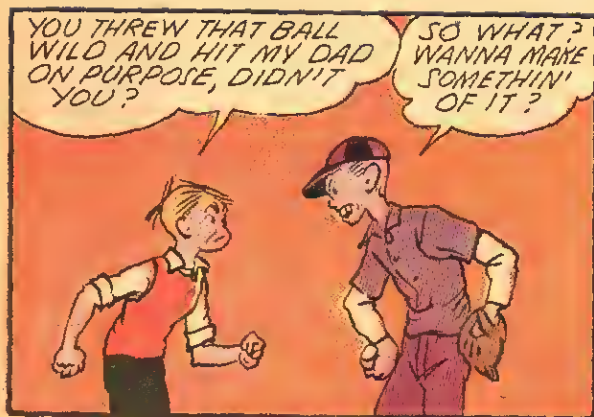
YOU SEE, MR JONES, THIS IS JUNIOR'S TEAM! HE'S CAPTAIN AND STAR PITCHER FOR US, WITHOUT HIM, WE CAN'T WIN ANY GAME -- HE NEVER CAN PLAY WITH US BECAUSE HE HAS TO WORK AT HOME - CAN'T YOU LET HIM COME AND HELP US OUT TODAY - PLEASE!





SCORE	
GOOSENIBBLE	6
RED RAVENS	9
SIXTH INNING - - THE GOOSENIBBLES TAKE THE FIELD - - AS BUCKTOOTH, THE TOUGH PITCHER STARTS TO THE MOUND...	





LISTEN, KIDS -- MOST ALL DADS ARE LIKE THAT... THEY'RE JUST "REGULAR FELLERS" IF YOU'LL GIVE THEM A CHANCE TO BE.. ANYWAY, SEE "JUNIOR" IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF LUCKY!

LIQUID X

A
SHORT STORY
COMPLETE
IN THIS
ISSUE



IN A SMALL SUBURBAN TOWN OUTSIDE OF LONDON
WHERE PROFESSOR GRUND, PHYSICS PROFESSOR IS
SEEN TRUDGING HOME...

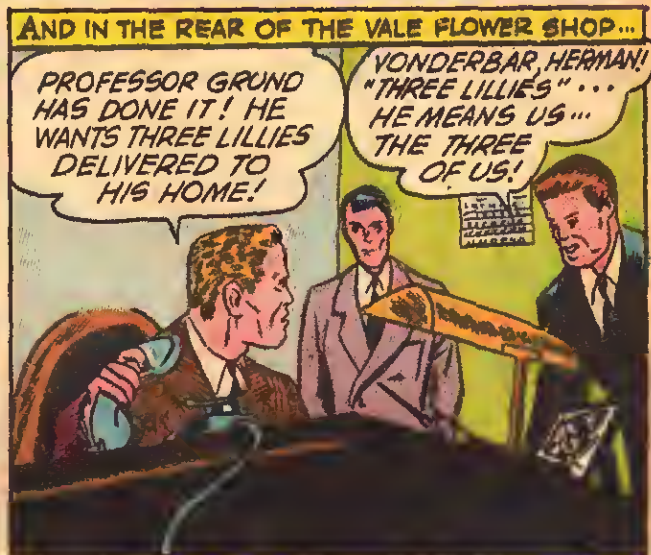
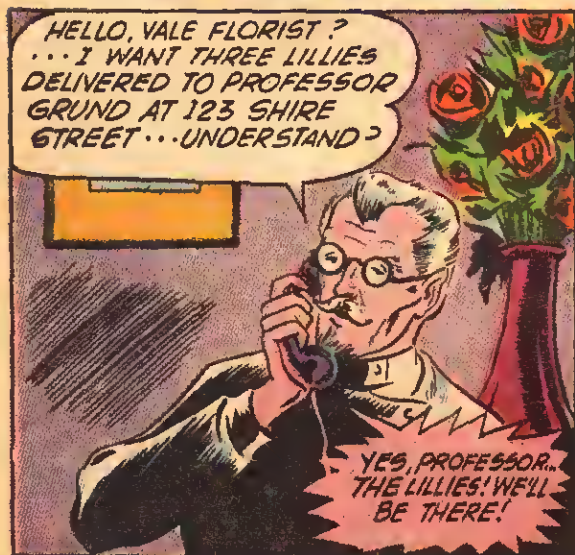
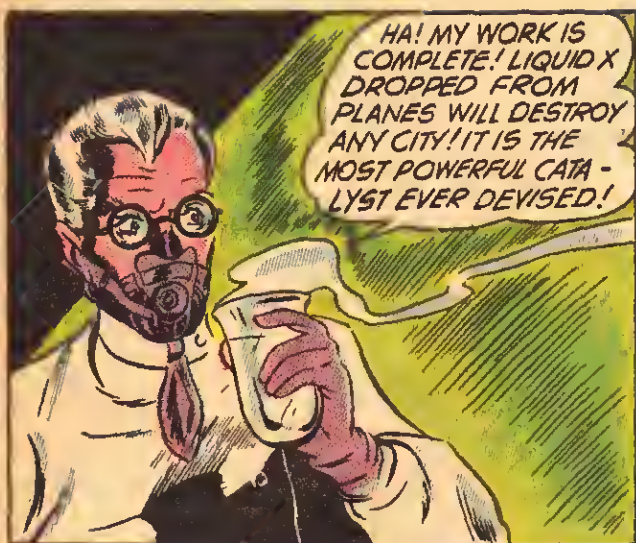
THE DAY HAS BEEN
CALM... BUT PER-
HAPS EVENING WILL
BRING ABOUT A TRIUMPH
FOR ME.



A TRIUMPH INDEED... GRISLY AS DEATH ITSELF!

IT WORKS! TEST NUMBER
451 SHOWS DEFINITE
POSITIVE REACTION! LONDON
SHALL BE IN RUINS WITHIN
A FORTNIGHT!





BUT IN THE SHADOWS ACROSS THE STREET . . .

THEY ARE LEAVING THE SHOP HENDERSON.

GOOD! I'LL FOLLOW THEM! YOU, LLOYD, KEEP AN EYE ON THIS PLACE!

THE MEN BOARD A TRAIN . . .

BRITISH INTELLIGENCE IS MIGHTY SUSPICIOUS OF THESE MEN! WE KNOW THEY'RE UP TO SOMETHING. I MUST FIND OUT WHAT!

THE DAILY

STACKEL RACES TO BEAT NEW RECORDS
HEADLINE -- RICHARDS WILL A WIN

HM... SHIRE STREET... THIS IS A RESIDENTIAL SECTION -- MUST BE VISITING SOMEONE...

GOOD EVENING, PROFESSOR GRUNDER LILLIES ARE HERE!

EXCELLENT... ENTER GENTLE MEN!

DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PROFESSOR'S LABORATORY

PUT THESE MASKS ON - IF LIQUID X SHOULD GET INTO YOUR LUNGS, YOU WOULD BE KAPUT!

JA!

ON THE OTHER HAND, LIQUID X HAS NO EFFECT UPON THE HUMAN SKIN UNTIL IT IS MIXED WITH COPPER.

LET US GET ON MIT DER DEMONSTRATION, PROFESSOR!



VERY WELL! HERE WE HAVE A MODEL OF LONDON... NOW WATCH... I DROP SOME LIQUID X OVER THE CITY



OBSERVE CAREFULLY.

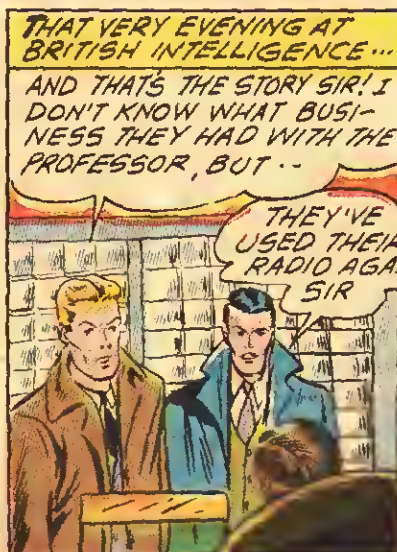
HIMMEL! DER CITY MELTS LIKE BUTTER.

INCREDIBLE!



WE ARE CONVINCED! DER THIRD REICH ACCEPTS YOUR LIQUID X! YOU WILL DELIVER A SAMPLE OF IT MIT DER FORMULA TO OUR AGENT WHO WILL COME TO NIGHT BY PLANE. DER MONEY WILL BE GIVEN YOU ON DELIVERY. I'VE GO NOW TO RADIO BERLIN.

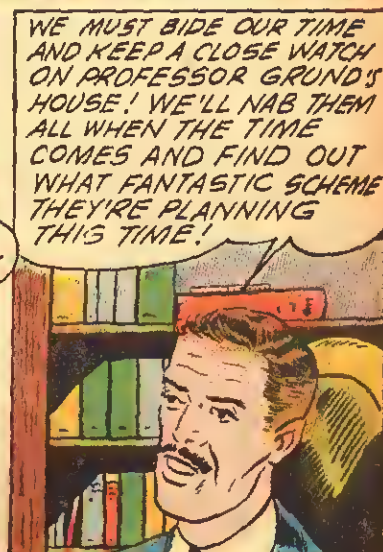
GOOD.



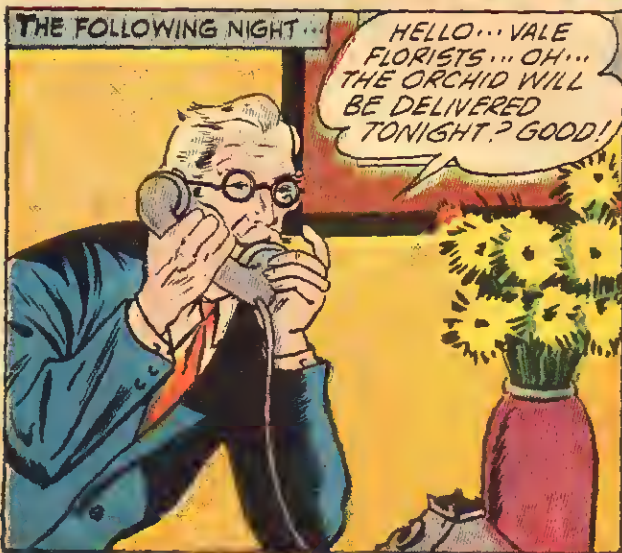
THAT VERY EVENING AT BRITISH INTELLIGENCE...

AND THAT'S THE STORY SIR! I DON'T KNOW WHAT BUSINESS THEY HAD WITH THE PROFESSOR, BUT...

THEY'VE USED THEIR RADIO AGAIN, SIR



WE MUST BIDE OUR TIME AND KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON PROFESSOR GRUND'S HOUSE! WE'LL NAB THEM ALL WHEN THE TIME COMES AND FIND OUT WHAT FANTASTIC SCHEME THEY'RE PLANNING THIS TIME!

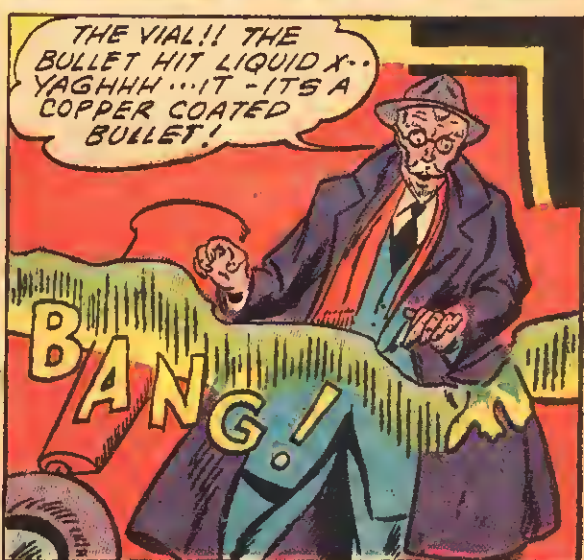
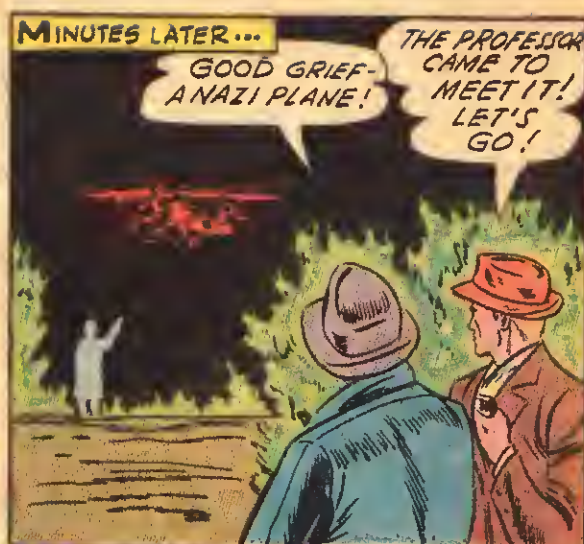


THE FOLLOWING NIGHT...

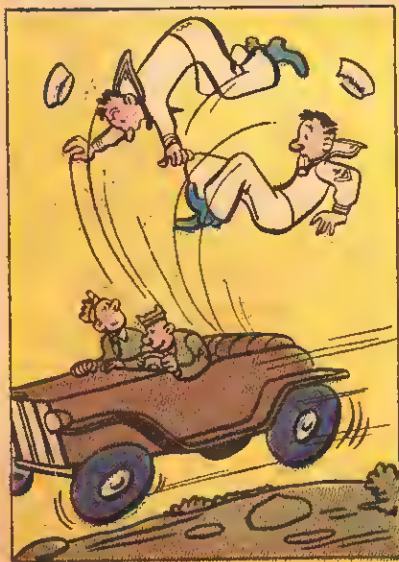
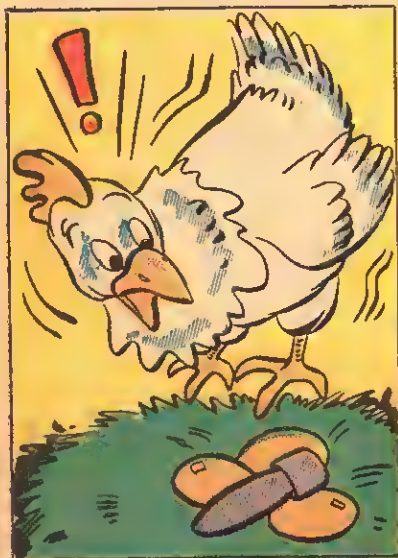
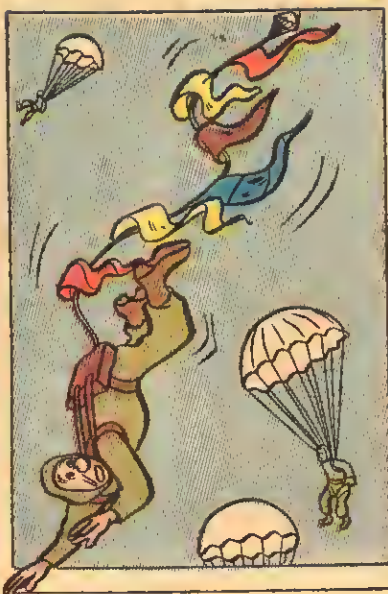
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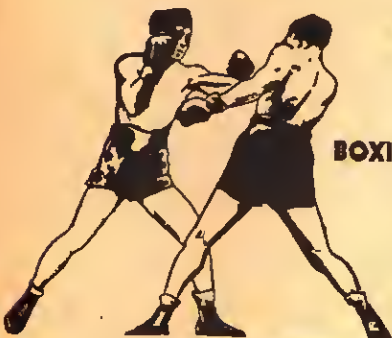
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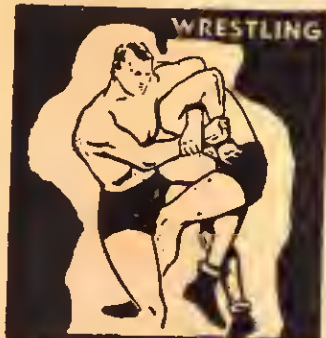
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